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SUMMARY.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council delivered its reserved judgment in the Colonial Sugar Company's appeal.

The Royal Commission's Act in respect to shelling answers and the production of documents were held to be ultra vires.

In a speech at Alnwick Sir Edward Grey said he were signs that trade was now on the

It is reported that Mr. Asquith is conferring with Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Bonar Law in regard to a Home Rule settlement.

Sir Edward Grey says the religious difficulty is the real problem in Ulster, but it will not affect the Customs.

The Bishop of London has decided that a service shall be used for a peaceful settlement of the Irish question.

The Imperial Parliament will reassemble on February 10.

The North German Lloyds' new steamer Kaiserin (41,800 tons) has been launched at Stettin.

A Liberal deputation urged the Government to refuse to increase the votes for armaments.

Mrs. Pankhurst was again released from prison in a state of collapse. She will go to Scotland.

The Pope is overwhelmed with grief at the news of the death of Cardinal Hampolla, who was named as his Holiness's successor.

Rumours are current in London that the Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia is dead.

Mr. Orville Wright is reported to have invented a contrivance to make aeroplanes re-

Georges Carpentier, the French boxer, states that he has positively declined to visit Aus-

The American Meat Trust is reported to be losing ground in Australia.

A visit of Armour and Company's representative to the Homebush sales yesterday was of more than passing interest.

Two debating societies extended a welcome to Sir George Reid at the Town Hall last

The Federal Parliamentary session was brought to a close last night.

The Auckland branch of the Seamen's Union met yesterday to consider the final proposals of the shipowners.

It is understood that the decision arrived at will go far towards a settlement of all outstanding differences.

The Prime Minister was asked in the House of High Commissioner's term had been extended and his salary increased.

Mr. Cook said the matter had not yet been considered by the Cabinet.

The Public Service Conference adopted a report upon the question of uniformity of

The principle of a 48 hours' week was adopted. The next conference is to be held

The Blue Mountain Centenary Memorial at New York has been completed.

The scene of Wednesday night's fire was merely a smouldering mass of debris. There was still being played on the ruins.

Portion of the western wall fell during the afternoon, and crashed through the roof of the bank.

It is estimated that £50,000 will cover the loss by the fire.

Mr. Griffin's amended design of the Federal Capital differs in general respects from the original first prize design.

The chief alterations consist of the re-building of the civic section and the residential section of the city.

The competent authorities maintain that the design is faulty in certain features.

E.P. Fletcher intends to petition against Sir Nicholson's return for Maitland on ground of alleged irregularities.

The Associated Chambers of Commerce will meet in Perth on May 26. The Sydney delegates have been appointed.

Between 90 and 93 per cent. of the mothers in Australia are said to have claimed the £5 maternity bonus.

The four-masted barque Paul arrived from Hull with 2,000,000ft of timber, after a run of 100 days.

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The annual election of officers of the Railway Employees' Union Mr. H. Lawton was re-elected president.

A railway collision occurred in the Bundaberg district. One man was killed, and another was seriously injured.

The entrance to the port of Newcastle is to be deepened.

The railway line between Coolgardie and Perth Cross was flooded by heavy rain.

The Public Works Department has a proposal for the quick loading of coal into vessels at Newcastle.

The first prosecution in Melbourne for the selling of unprotected hatpins took place yesterday.

The defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10s and costs.

George Ramsay, of Kadina, held the world's cycling 24 hours' record for only one hour after he concluded his run Carl Lorz set out on a similar run, and broke Ramsay's record.

The engine-drivers' examinations under the Mines Inspection Act the candidates numbered 187, of whom 83 passed.

The shareholders in the Gundagai district take a pessimistic view of the outlook.

The two present troubles are said to be the great influx of rabbits and the want of rain in the creeks.

The price of milk paid to suppliers in the Illawarra district is causing much discontent.

Threats have been made to stop sending milk to the Sydney distributing companies.

Mr. Kendall Post office was burned down. The Sydney mails were lost.

Heavy rains have fallen in Queensland and the northern half of New South Wales.

An award dealing with the employees of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board has been issued.

The hours are fixed at 48, and the rates of pay are set out. Provision is made for

The annual meeting of the Gould League of Bird Lovers the report stated that there were 240 branches with 25,963 members.

The adorning of ladies' hats with the plumage of birds was condemned.

The demand for irrigation farms at the Murrumbidgee area is reported to be on the

One hundred farms, comprising the Gogel-lombon section, are being got ready for selection.

The Messageries mail service to Australia will cease in July, and a new cargo line is to be substituted.

The new school hall in connection with St. Luke's Church of England, Redfern, was opened by Archbishop Wright last evening.

The congestion of work in the Industrial Registrar's Office is to be brought under the notice of the Minister for Justice.

A moderate turnover was reported on the market yesterday, chiefly at late prices.

The mining market was inactive, though the Mill stocks were steady.

A fair lines of dairy produce met with a brisk sale, and prices were well maintained.

The Homebush sales the market for sheep firm, and values were lower. Cattle were in strong demand.

Business in the import markets is now practically over till after the holidays.

Retailing business in Christmas goods was on a fine scale, though hardly as brisk as last

Yesterday's wool sales the market ruled firm at recent rates, greasies realising to

Tallow was weaker, owing to a lifeless London market. Shippers reduced their limits to a bushel.

Sydney.—Still cloudy and unsettled, with local thunder showers in the north-eastern districts elsewhere, with southerly winds.

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ORONTES.....	9,382	Simmons.	Jan. 2	Jan. 7	Jan. 9
ORVIETO.....	12,130	Shelford..	Jan. 17	Jan. 21	Jan. 23
OMRAH.....	8,130	Layton....	Jan. 31	Feb. 4	Feb. 6
*OTWAY.....	12,077	Symons..	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 20
*OTRANTO....	12,124	Parsons..	Feb. 28	Mar. 4	Mar. 6
*OSTERLEY....	12,129	Jenks.....	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 20
*ORAMA.....	12,227	Coad.....	Mar. 25	Apr. 1	Apr. 3
*ORSOVA.....	12,036	Healey...	Apr. 7	Apr. 12	Apr. 17
*ORONTES....	9,023	Staunton..	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 1
ORVIETO.....	12,130	Shelford..	May 9	May 13	May 15

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8 STRONG, UPSTANDING, WELL-BRED LIGHT HORSES, FROM 15 TO 16.1 HANDS HIGH, showing plenty of quality and substance, sired by SCOTTISH KING; all broken to saddle, suitable for BUGGY, CAB, CARRIAGE, OR SOCIABLE WORK.

*** INCLUDED IN THE LOT IS A CHESTNUT GELDING by SCOTTISH KING from BRED LIGHT MARE, HAS PLENTY OF PACE, AND IS A GOOD JUMPER, SHOULD MAKE A GOOD STEEPLECHASER.

On account Mr. F. H. COOPER,
BLAIR ATHOL, INVERELL.
30 CHOICE PONIES, ALL THE BRAND, BRED BY THE OWNER, GOOD SHAPELY SORTS, MOSTLY MOTTLED TAFFYS, BAYS, BROWNS, and CHESTNUTS, by the NOTED PONY SIRE, SILVER PRINCE, by DOCKEN from mare by a BONNIE CHARLIE SIRE; the whole consignment 3 to 5 years old, in grand condition, broken and unbroken.

*** THE ABOVE ARE ALL BRED BY MR. COOPER AS A VERY CHOICE CONSIGNMENT, AND INCLUDE A VERY HANDSOME WELL-MATCHED PAIR OF TAFFY-COLOURED PONIES, 13.3 (from Arab mares), broken to saddle, worthy of inspection.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
AT 12.30.

240 HEAD. 200 HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above, when they will offer—
200 HEAD STORE AND DAIRY CATTLE OF ALL CLASSES. Full particulars last Saturday's issue.

AUCTION SALES.

TO PRODUCE MERCHANTS, CARRIERS, and the TRADE GENERALLY.
FIRE. FIRE. FIRE.
CHAFF. CHAFF. CHAFF.

We have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on account of whom it may concern, on MONDAY NEXT, the 22nd inst,
AT 11 O'CLOCK PRECISELY,
about 5000 bags of CHAFF, slightly damaged by Fire, ex S.S. Janus.

SALE to be held on the LONG NEW WHARF, WOOLLOOMOOLOO, where the Chaff may be inspected.

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS SPECIALLY REQUESTED.

WILLIAM INGLIS,
AUCTIONEERS,
20 SUSSEX-STREET,
SYDNEY.

HOMEBUSH HORSE SALEYARDS,
SYDNEY.
80 HEAD, 80 HEAD.
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY,
1.30 p.m.,

J. H. BEALE AND CO.,
Will sell by Auction,
80 Head of Horses, comprising good, active, heavy, and medium draught Mare, and Geldings, Van, Business Cart Sorts; Ponies, light harness, and saddle and cobs, mostly from the Hunter and Paterson Rivers; all the right ages, BROKEN AND UNBROKEN,
Also
A number of Vehicles, including Tipdrays, Sulkies, Carts, etc.

THE CENTRAL SALEYARDS, PARRAMATTA.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock.
E. P. PEARCE will sell a first-class D.S. BUGGY, built by Dimerson, of Hobart; light Springcart; 2 sets Harness, comp.; new Bicycle, Milch Cow, Horses 2 sets Harness, comp.; new Bicycle, Milch Cow, Horses Geese, Turkeys, and Fowls, Sucking Pigs.

MOSSMAN and ELLIS will sell by Auction, at their Stores, off 827 George-street South, THIS DAY, FARM and DAIRY PRODUCE, POULTRY of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, etc.
Buyers please note Order of Sale:—
EGGS, BUTTER, HONEY, etc., at 1.30 p.m. sharp.
CHICKENS, CARCASE PORK, VEAL, 2 p.m. sharp.
POULTRY, BIRDS, GAME, etc., at 2.15 p.m. sharp.
PRODUCE SALES will be held TO-DAY as under:—
SHEEPSKINS at 10 a.m.; HIDES at 1.30 p.m.;
CALFSKINS, etc., at 2.15 p.m.
CEO. H. MORHAM and CO. sell by Auc., This Day, at Wool Exch., Sheepskins 10.30; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

FURNITURE, Etc.
THIS DAY, 11 A.M.
264 KING STREET, NEWTOWN, near St. George's Hall.

BIG LOT of SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, about 8 loads, for Positive and Unreserved Sale, consisting of:
Handsome 9-pce. Chesterfield Suite, Saddlebag and Plush, 3 Divan Easy Chairs, 5ft Sideboard, Solid Cedar 7ft. WARDROBE, with linen shelves, Duchess Dressing Tables, superior Washstands, B. B. M. Bedsteads, 8- and 4 Bedsteads, Combination Bedsteads, good Kapok Bedding, 2 Wardrobes, Chests Drawers, 3 Comb. Chests, M.T. Washstands, 9ft Cedar Dining Table, Framed Mirrors, pretty Drawing-room Suite, 9-pce Couches and Swabs, Walnut Whatnots, Rockers, 2 Turned Pedestals, Jardinieres, Oct. Tables, D. and S. Tables and Chairs, Dresser, Safes, Handsome Pretwarked Canary Cage, 2 Overmantels, Hanging Safes, Washstands, Rattan Chairs, Carpet, good Hallstand, Carpet Sweeper, And about 200 other lots.
A REAL GOOD LOT FOR THE TRADE AND THOSE FURNISHING.

H. MANUEL, AUCTIONEER.
Tel., 200 Newtown.

LINDEN,
HARROW-ROAD, BEXLEY.

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE J. M. MACDONALD, Deceased.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 19,
AT 2 P.M.

The whole of the artistic and Superior Furniture and Appointments contained in above residence.

The Furniture throughout is in excellent order, comprising—
DRAWING, DINING, and BEDROOM SUITES, BEDS, BEDDING, AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS, LINOLEUMS,
CHOICE PICTURES, GRAND UPRIGHT PIANO by W. Heller, in Walnut case
KITCHEN UTENSILS, Eureka Gas Stove (new) Bicycle, Lawn Mower, Garden Tools.

The complete appointments of a WELL-EQUIPPED RESIDENCE.
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION AS ABOVE.
ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

J. F. HEGERTY AND CO.,
AUCTIONEERS,
ROCKDALE STATION.
Tel., 40 Kog.

AUCTION SALES.

EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION OF FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, PIANOFORTES, CARPETS, ETC.
FOR AND ON ACCOUNT OF VARIOUS INTERESTS.
FORWARDED TO THE ROOMS
FROM THE STORES OF BEARD, WATSON, LTD., and GRACE BROS.

Also,
THE COMPLETE FURNISHINGS OF A LARGE RESIDENCE FROM BONDI.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
19th DECEMBER, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.,
AT THE CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS
of
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
INCLUDING
NUMEROUS TABLE APPOINTMENTS,
in Glassware, China, Cutlery, and Electroplate.
ROYAL AXMINSTER CARPETS,
SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARDS,
Sizes 5 and 6 feet.
FIVE FEET OAK SIDEBOARDS,
WALNUT AND OAK TELESCOPE DINING TABLES.
SOLID WALNUT ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON,
SUPERIOR OAK DINING-ROOM SUITES,
MASSIVE OAK HALL STANDS.
DRAWING ROOM FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS.
VALUABLE PICTURES AND ORNAMENTS.

SEVERAL PIANOFORTES,
Including
A ROSEWOOD UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, by BLUTHNER.
A WALNUT UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, by WAGNER.
A WALNUT UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, by C. RONISCH.
AN EBONIZED BOUDOIR GRAND PIANOFORTE, by BELOHLAVEK.
And other HIGH-GRADE MAKERS.
HIGHLY SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES,
WALNUT SIX FEET DOUBLE WARDROBE,
WALNUT FOUR FEET SINGLE WARDROBE,
DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS and BEDDING,
And
A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF USEFUL FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.
A SMALL QUANTITY OF OFFICE FURNITURE,
ONE NO. 7 STAR PREMOS PHOTO. CAMERA, with Tripod,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FURNITURE, FINE ART, AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
TELEPHONE, CITY 7456.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19,
AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE SALEROOM, BRIDGE-STREET, AT 11 A.M.
THE MOTOR LAUNCH "STAR," 4-H.P. EUREKA ENGINE, 4-cycle, [illegible] ring, 8ft 6in beam, hull copper-fastened, [illegible] and upholstered, dinghy and sculls. Can be inspected at Lauder's Boatshed, Lavender Bay.
FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell by auction as above.
City Address: 62 Pitt-st. Tel., City 6386.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19,
AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE SALEROOM, BRIDGE-STREET,
AT 11 A.M.
On account of whom it may concern,
THE WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP MUNIARA,
as she now lies at Ebon, Marshall Islands,
WITHOUT CARGO AND TRADE GOODS, IF ANY CARGO OR TRADE GOODS ON BOARD PURCHASERS TO ALLOW IT TO BE SALVED.
FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.
City Address, 62 Pitt-street, Telephone, City 6386.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19,
AT OUR TEMPORARY STORES, CORNER KENT AND WINDMILL STREETS, MILLER'S POINT,
AT 11.30 A.M.,
ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
BANKRUPT STOCK,
consisting of
80 DOZ. STEEL HOLLOW-GROUND MAGNETIC RAZORS.
17 GROSS BRIAR PIPES.
4 DOZ. TEAPOTS, 6 GROSS CHRISTMAS CARDS.
50 DOZ. LADIES' SUPERIOR FINISHED UNDERWEAR (S. Schwarz, manufac.), comprising Camisoles, Knickers, Blouses, Robes, Embroideries, Silks, Men's Underwear, Collars, etc.
5 COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SAMPLE BASKETS.
Cedar Office Table, Chairs, Brass Window Fittings, etc.
THE TRADE ARE SPECIALLY INVITED TO INSPECT THE UNDERWEAR, AS IT IS AN ABSOLUTELY CLEAN AND NEW STOCK, AND ONLY PURCHASED IN NOVEMBER, 1913.
FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell by auction as above.
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THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER.
AT No. 9 COWPER WHARF, WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY,
AT 2 P.M.
ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
With all faults (if any), ex Janus, S.S.
Slightly damaged by water.
P.T.T., 4 BALES HESSIAN, each 1050 yards.
SABLE, in black; 153 BALES CORNSACKS,
damaged by fire and water.
SABLE, in black; 25 BALES CORNSACKS,
(in inverted triangle), 23 BALES HESSIAN, each 2000 yards.
J (in inverted triangle), 25 BALES JUTE CLOTH, each 1000 yards.
B. P. and CO. in diamond, 50 BALES CORNSACKS.
FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell by auction as above.
City Address: 62 Pitt-street. Tel., City 6386.

AT AUCTION TO-DAY.
VERY FINE "VICTOR" PIANOFORTE, imported by W. H. Paling and Co.
Also,
"ADOLF LEHMANN" iron-frame, equal to new.
SPLENDID LOT FURNITURE.
THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, AT 11,
at
772 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET,
Trams to Door.
FULL UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, in excellent order, by well-known maker.
VERY NICE GERMAN PIANOFORTE.
Drawing-room Suites, in very good order; Occasional Furniture, Overmantels, in Walnut, Oak, and Bamboo.
Pictures, Wall Ornaments, Occasional Chairs, and Tables.
Sideboards, in all sizes; Dinner Waggons, 4 first-class Extension Tables.
High-back and other Dining Chairs; Ordinary Tables.
Oak Dining-room Suites, first-class Morocco L. Suite, in good carved frames, 9 pieces.
Ottoman, Single and Double Wardrobes, Bookcases.
Combination, M.T. Washstands, Toilet Sets.
Lovely Maple Bedroom Suite, with pr. beautiful Toilets and 3 Chairs.
About 8 splendid Bedroom Suites, all sizes; Oak Suites.
White Pine, Duchesse, Chest, and Washstands.
Linen Press, Folding Wardrobes, Ottoman Commode.
Few good Double, 3- and Single Bedsteads, with best wires and bedding; also Cots and Stretchers, all equal to new.
Carpets, Linoleums, Squares, Mats, Carpet and Hall Runners, Stair Oilcloths.
Crockery, Glass, and Table Plate, beautiful E.P. Centrepiece for flowers or fruit.
Dinner and Tea Ware, Sundries, Mosley's Cutlery, and Carvers.
Kitchen Dressers, Tables, Safes, Chairs, and Utensils.
Sewing Machines of every known maker.
PIANOS, Violin, and other up-to-date Gramaphone will be offered at 2 sharp.
E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK, AT 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near Shepherd-street.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction,—E.P. Tea and Coffee Pots, Cheval Glass, Cutlery, new and 2nd-hand Clothing, Sheets, Tablecloths, Sewing Machines, and Bundries. No Reserve.

THE SYDNEY MAIL.
The SYDNEY MAIL has a splendid circulation, not only in Sydney, but throughout the country and the adjoining States. It is to be found in every village, in every reading-room, and on tables of the best hotels.
The Literary Department of the Sydney Mail contains each week Original Essays and Papers of the most entertaining kind.
The stories are the work of some of the leading authors of the world. Altogether this branch is bright and attractively written.

AUCTION SALES.

ALEXANDRIA.
TO-DAY, FRIDAY,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK PUNCTUALLY.
At
MONK'S VINEGAR WORKS, HENDERSON-ROAD.
In the matter of
MESSRS. NORRIS AND SONS, LTD. (in Liquidation), PICKLE MANUFACTURERS, ETC.
Under instructions from
C. W. STIRLING, ESQ., LIQUIDATOR, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, No. 64 PITT-STREET.
24 PUNCHEONS AND CASKS OF CAULIFLOWER, ONIONS, CUCUMBER, BEANS, TOMATO PULP, ETC.
11 BAGS PICKLE BUNGS, ex 40 gross.
16 CASKS MUSTARD, TAMARINDS, GARLIC,
5cwt CURRY POWDER, 1 BALE PAPER, 42 REAMS.
TOMATO SAUCE BOTTLES, and SUNDRIES.
AND THE WORKING PLANT,
comprising STEAM PAN, FRINDER, CORKING MACHINES, etc.
Also, a Valuable
HORSE, CART, SULKY, AND HARNESS,
ON VIEW THIS MORNING FROM 9 O'CLOCK.

DEAN AND COMPANY,
SUCCESSORS TO
S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY,
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 320 CASTLEREAGH-ST, TELEPHONE, CITY 7802.

AUCTION SALE OF IMPORTANCE,
AT THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.
A LOT OF VALUABLE FURNITURE and GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS that must be sold and cleared out at any price to settle a Bill of Sale, and in the interest of several vendors who want to realise without delay.
Splendid B.R. Suites, in Solid Walnut, Oak, and Walnut finish.
Superior Sideboards, in various sizes; Brass and Enamel Bedsteads and Bedding, Drawing-room lots.
Two or three Pianos go any price, suit trade.
General Requisites of various rooms and outoffices that we recommend to buyers. Carpets, Linos., other lots in great variety.
STRONGMAN, BRUNTNELL, AND CO.,
As Agents and Auctioneers for Vendors.
N.B.—This will probably be the last sale by auction at the Burwood Saleroams this year, so must make clean sweep.

TO CONFECTIONERS, SHOP FITTERS, AND OTHERS.
On the Premises, 147 REGENT-STREET, REDFERN.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
AT 11 A.M.
STOCK OF ENGLISH and COLONIAL CONFECTIONERY, of every description.
40 LOLLY JARS, TABLE, CHAIRS,
DAYTON COY.'S COMPUTING LOLLY SCALES.
SUPERIOR ICE CHEST, "Reliance," quite new
Outside Blind, Shelving, Window Fittings
M.T. Tables, Floorcloth, Tapestry, Curtains, Arc Lamp
Sup. Counters and cupboards
2 Ice Cream Freezers, host of Sundries
Large stock of Boxed Confectionery
Soft Drinks of every description, etc., etc.
M. GOULSTON AND CO.
will sell TO-DAY, at 11 a.m., without reserve, as above, at 147 Regent-street, Redfern.
Auctioneers' Address, 303 Glebe-rd. Tel., 871 Glebe.

ATTRACTIVE SALE OF FURNITURE AT MOSMAN, HAZELDEAN, SHADFORTH-STREET.
BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
TO-DAY, FRIDAY, AT 10.30 A.M.
5ft OAK SIDEBOARD, bev. mirrors.
HANDSOME DINING-RM. SUITE, 9 pcs., in Oak.
DINING TABLE, 7 x 4; OAK HALLSTAND.
MODERN RATTAN CHAIRS, LINOS. in 9 Rooms.
S.W. BEDROOM SUITE, Toilet Sets, Comb. Chests.
B.M. BEDSTEADS, Spring Mattss, and Kapok Beds.
WARDROBES (4), M.T. WASHSTANDS.
Select lot of Bed Linen, Blankets, Quilts, Sheets.
KITCHEN TABLE, KNCL. DRESSER, Chairs, Utensils.
Cutlery, Crockery, Lawn Mower, Garden Tools.
Selected PICTURES, Jardiniere, Pot Plants, Sundries.
The whole comprising the Appointments of a really nice, select, and comfortable Home, only in use 3 mths.

PUGH AND EDGAR,
under instructions from Mrs. BARNES, will sell ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE, SPOT CASH.
FOREST LODGE.
THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.,
AUCTION SALE,
163 ST. JOHN'S-ROAD, FOREST LODGE,
Contents of 8 rooms, Household Furniture, consisting Combination Chests, Marble Washstands, Brass-mounted Double and Single Bedsteads, corner Wardrobes, Dining-room Tables and Chairs, Kitchen Dresser and Table, Floor Linos.,
SINGER SEWING MACHINE.
Everything Must be Sold. Premises Resumed.
NO RESERVE.

R. COLBOURNE,
Auctioneer, 125 King-street, Newtown.
'Phone, 958 Newtown.
TO DEALERS AND OTHERS.
THIS DAY, AT HALF-PAST 10 O'CLOCK,
STOCK OF A GENUINE DEALER,
HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS,
AT 10 MISSENDEN-ROAD, CAMPERDOWN.
Furniture, Crockery, Clothing, Cutlery, E.P. Ware, Ironmongery, 2 Sulkies, Horses, and Harness, 1 Springcart, Horse, and Harness; Spring Van, Handcart; Ducks, Fowls, and Gear, etc.
HENRY LEVY has received imperative instructions to sell by auction, the above.
TOTALLY UNRESERVED.
THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 392 Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. John Grace, of 272 Oxford-st, Paddington:—At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc. At 2.30 o'clock: Sundries of every description. At 3 o'clock: Jewellery, including Gold and Silver Watches, Diamond Rings, Brooches, Earrings, Gold Albarts, Links, Chain and Fancy Bangles, etc.; Signet, Wedding, Engagement, and Fancy Rings.
NORTH SYDNEY.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 19, AT 11 A.M.,
No. 7 BLYTH-STREET,
ERNEST A. WOODBERRY, General Auctioneer, under instructions from Miss RYAN, will sell as above, a very useful lot of Furniture, etc., comprising, Brass-mounted Bdle. Bedstead, Spring, 4ft Wire Mattress, Beds, Blankets, Sheets, Quilts, Comb. Chests, Ans. and H.B. Chairs, Washstands and Ware, Lino., Matting, A.C. Couch, Dining and Kit. Tables, 4ft Bed. Mirror, Sideboard, Easy Chair, Rocker, China Tea Set, Cut., Kit., Ldry. Utensils, Crockery, etc.
AUCTION SALE, FURNITURE, etc, at Vic.-av., Chatswood THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.
Particulars yesterday's issue.
W. STRONACH will sell. T., 758 Chats.

NARRABEEN, NARRABEEN.
Between
OCEAN AND LAKE.
ELECTRIC TRAMWAY NOW EXTENDED TO THE BRIDGE.
SUBDIVISION SALE of PICKED SITES,
on the
MOUNT RAMAN ESTATE,
including
OCEAN BEACH AND MAIN ROAD,
BUILDING SITES,
Also
BUSINESS SITES,
right in the
HEART OF NARRABEEN.
SURF BATHING, BOATING, FISHING,
Either side the GREAT OCEAN BEACH, or in the SHELTERED SMOOTH WATERS OF NARRABEEN LAKE.
TERMS OF SALE:
One-tenth deposit; balance by 12 quarterly payments at 5 per cent.
Lithographs obtainable from the Local Agent, at Manly, and from the Auctioneers.
Auction Sale on the Ground, OPPOSITE the POST OFFICE, 2 o'clock.
TO-MORROW.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., AUCTIONEERS (in conjunction with RICHARDSON and THORN, Property Agents, Manly). (708)

MOSMAN, NEAR BALMORAL BEACH.
between the
BALMORAL BEACH and MILITARY-ROAD.
Subdivision Sale of Original Lots
on the
PHILES ESTATE,
fronting
LITTLE-STREET, at the Corner of MANDALONG-RD, and extending back to
ARTHUR-STREET.
Torrens Title and building Covenant.
4 Acre Sites, 66ft x 264ft. Double Frontages, Commanding FINEST VIEWS OF HARBOUR AND BEACH.
TERMS OF SALE:
One-tenth deposit, balance by quarterly payments extending over 2 years, interest 5 per cent.
Lithos obtainable from the Auctioneers.
AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, 3 O'CLOCK, TO-MORROW.
RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., Auctioneers.

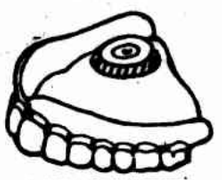
EASTWOOD.
10 CHOICE BUILDING SITES
on the
DARVALL ESTATE (Anthony Darvall's 2nd Subdn.), fronting
ROSE-STREET and SHAFTESBURY-ROAD.
Also Lot 25, of the Darvall Estate, having 126ft to Shaftesbury-road, depth 78ft 6in to 76ft 3in, rear line 66ft 11in.
And
15 COTTAGE SITES on the
EASTWOOD TOWNSHIP EXTENSION ESTATE, fronting
VIMIERA-ROAD AND SUTHERLAND-STREET.
Torrens Title, Building Covenant.
ELIGIBLE BUILDING SITES in GOOD POSITIONS in this RAPIDLY GROWING SUBURB.
TERMS OF SALE:—
One-tenth deposit, balance by 12 quarterly payments of interest 5 per cent.
Lithos obtainable from the Auctioneers.
Trains on Sale Day, 12.15, 12.45, 1.35, 2.10, and 2.55.
AUCTION SALE, on the Ground, in ROSE-STREET, 3 o'clock.
TO-MORROW.
RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., Auctioneers. (816)

THE WELL-KNOWN OXFORD-ST. DENTIST
SAVES YOU MONEY ON HIGH-CLASS DENTISTRY.

Hadn't we better get right down to the cost of putting your teeth in proper going order for Christmas?

THE EXPENSE—that which most people so carefully consider, is reduced to the minimum, whilst the high quality of work is not detracted from on, any account at Spencer Nolan's—the long-established, solid-going Dentist's.

MY PATENT SUCTION SETS OF ARTIFICIAL TEETH AT £2/2/ ARE THE LAST WORD IN ARTIFICIAL TEETH.



FANCY, A REALLY SERVICEABLE SET OF FIRST-CLASS TEETH FOR ONE GUINEA!

SPENCER NOLAN, THE DENTIST,
28 OXFORD-STREET, SYDNEY, NEXT TO WINN'S.

CANADA BUILDINGS FIRE

ECKERSLEY AND SONS
beg to advise their customers that NEW STOCKS are being forwarded immediately by their Melbourne Factory, and that ALL ORDERS ON HAND WILL BE EXECUTED FROM SAME WITH ALL POSSIBLE DESPATCH.

COMMUNICATIONS TO TEMPORARY OFFICES,
C/o C. HORLEY, Esq.,
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, 16 HUNTER-STREET, CITY,
(TURNER'S-CHAMBERS),
WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

NEW ADDRESS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN THESE COLUMNS IN DUE COURSE.
TEL., CITY 4000.

THERE IS SUPERIOR FOOD VALUE AND REAL DELICIOUSNESS IN "SAOS."
They are baked in specially constructed ovens, which, together with care and skill, produce a distinctive biscuit.
Arnott's "Saos" are eaten everywhere for light lunch, afternoon tea, and supper.
Try them with butter, Cheese, Anchovies, Pate de Foie Gras, or Potted Meats.
SAY "SAOS."

PRIME HARDWOOD,
WE HAVE IMMENSE STOCKS OF FLOORINGS IN TALLOW-WOOD AND BLACKBUTT, MAHOGANY, WEATHERBOARDS, FENCING MATERIAL, JOISTS, AND MARKET SIZES, SUITABLE FOR ALL BUILDINGS, WAREHOUSES, ETC.
GEORGE HUDSON AND SON, LTD.,
TIMBER MERCHANTS, BLACKWATTLE BAY, GLEBE,
SOLE AGENTS FOR THE KAURI TIMBER CO., LTD.
'Phones, 611 to 615 Glebe, and 780 Central.

AUCTION SALES.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
ORDER OF SALE.
CITY, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES, to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the ROOMS, PITT-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Block of Land, Quay-street, close to George-street, with No. 161, Turner's Mart, thereon, LEASEHOLD, 23 years to run from 18th August, 1914.
SURRY HILLS.—Two Houses, Nos. 350 and 352 Riley-street, near Foveaux-street. Adm'rs' Sale.
DARLINGTON.—Corner Shop and Dwelling, Nos. 2 and 24 Darlington-road and Raglan-street. Executors' Sale.
DITTO.—Ada Cottage, No. 6 Raglan-street. Executors' Sale.
REDFERN.—Four Houses, Nos. 28 to 44 Abercrombie-street. Executors' Sale.
DITTO.—Two Houses, Nos. 93 and 95 Eveleigh-street, near Hedges-street.
GLEBE.—Shop and House, Nos. 65 to 75 Ross-street, corner of Hereford-street, and Vacant Land. Executors' Sale.
GLEBE.—Five Houses, Nos. 6 to 16 Burton-street, off Bridge-road. Executors' Sale.
GLEBE.—Eighteen Houses, Nos. 48 to 82 Darghan-street. Executors' Sale.
GLEBE.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 46 Darghan-street, corner of Lyndhurst-street. Executors' Sale.
STANMORE.—Residence, Warrane, Trafalgar-street.
ENMORE.—Twenty Cottages, Victoria-terrace, Nos. 214 to 252 Edgeware-road. Executors' Sale.
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LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice Mr. Justice Barton, Mr. Justice Isaacs, Mr. Justice Duffy, and Mr. Justice Rich.)

A SCONE DAIRY FARM.

Hindmarsh v Quinn.

The hearing was concluded of the appeal of Thomas Hindmarsh against the refusal of the Supreme Court to set aside a verdict against the present appellant in favour of Ann Quinn for the ejectment of the defendant from a dairy farm near Scone (N.S.W.). The appellant worked the farm under an agreement with Laurence Quinn, the plaintiff's husband, who died in January, 1912, paying half the profits to Quinn as owner of the land during the latter's residence on the farm, there being a proviso for payment of £70 annually to Quinn in case of Quinn's non-residence, and to his widow in case of his death. There was a clause in the agreement providing that on Quinn's death the property should be conveyed to Hindmarsh, subject to a life interest in favour of Mrs. Quinn, and the latter claimed possession as from the date of her husband's death. The appellant contended that he was entitled to remain and work the farm, subject to paying £70 annually to the plaintiff.

Mr. Ralston, K.C., and Mr. R. Cowan, instructed by Messrs. Shaw and M'Donald (agents for Mr. A. B. Shaw, of Singleton), appeared for the appellant; and Mr. Flannery, instructed by Mr. S. E. Pile (agent for Mr. W. J. Enright, of West Maitland), for the respondent.

Mr. Ralston said the appellant relied on getting the £70 to pay Mrs. Quinn from the profits of the farm, and to turn him off would be a hardship, and contrary to the intention of the agreement.

Mr. Flannery argued that until the conveyance provided for were executed the appellant had no right on the land at all.

At the conclusion of argument the Court reserved judgment, advising the parties to settle the case in the meantime if possible, as whichever way it went further litigation as to the agreement out of which the dispute arose seemed inevitable.

SUPREME COURT.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice.)

A SETTLEMENT.

Neustadt v Haberecht.

Mr E. M. Mitchell and Mr. Abrahams, instructed by Mr. V. Trevor Jones, of Lockhart (by his agents, Messrs. Windeyer and Williams), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. W. A. Asher and Mr. Hales Rogers, instructed by Mr. P. W. M'Carthy, of Lockhart (by his agent, Mr. J. J. Kiely), for the defendant. It was announced that this case had been settled on terms filed in court. It was accordingly struck out.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF AGREEMENT.

SALE OF MOTOR CARS.

Stanton Cook, Ltd., v Kellow.

The case was on both sides was concluded, but Mr. Campbell had not finished his address for defendant at 4 o'clock, when the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

DISPUTE AS TO SALE OF LAND.

M'Donald v Hilder.

Mr. Garland, K.C., and Mr. R. H. L. Innes, instructed by Mr. C. P. Evans, of West Wyalong (by his agent, Mr. M. A. H. Fitzhardinge), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Broomfield and Mr. F. Coen, instructed by Mr. Walter T. Coonan (by his agents, Messrs. Jambon and Milford), for the defendant. This was an action brought by Daniel M'Donald against George Hilder for alleged breach of agreement for the sale of property, consisting conditionally-purchased and conditionally-leased lands known as "Ballabheg," in the land district of Contobolin. The case on both sides has already been stated. Various breaches of agreement were alleged by each party, and defendant claimed damages by way of cross-action.

The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of £781 3s.

DARLINGHURST CAUSES.

(Before Mr. Justice Ferguson and juries.)

DARE v GARDINER.

The hearing was concluded of the case in which Frederick de Vaux Dare claimed £500 damages from Reuben Gardiner for an alleged breach of an agreement for the lease of premises. The plaintiff had taken a lease of usual provision for 15 minutes after the closing hour for cleaning-up purposes.

The first floor of Taylor's-buildings for five years, and complained that the defendant, contrary to agreement, had permitted the sanitary accommodation to fall into an unsatisfactory state, and had permitted disturbances on the part of other tenants, to the detriment of the plaintiff's health and business.

Mr. Young and Mr. Worthington, instructed by Messrs. M'Gregor and Palmer, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. W. A. Walker, instructed by Mr. W. T. Schrader, for the defendant.

The jury awarded the plaintiff £50 on the claim regarding the condition of the sanitary arrangements.

Stay of proceedings for eight days was granted.

AN EJECTMENT ACTION.

Mary Ann Winter, of Mudgee, administratrix of the estate of Elizabeth Hand, deceased, brought a suit against Thomas Wilkinson and Mary Jane Wilkinson, of Currency Creek, Freeman's Reach, for ejectment from certain lands. The plaintiff was the deceased's sister, and Mrs. Wilkinson was a daughter of the deceased. Having resided with her mother on the property till the latter's death, Mrs. Wilkinson, though not her mother's heir-at-law, claimed co-possession, and defended the action on that ground.

Mr. J. M. Sanders, instructed by Mr. R. B. Walker, of Windsor, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Alroy Cohen, instructed by Messrs. John J. Paine and Co., of Windsor, for the defendants.

The case is part heard.

IN EQUITY.

(Before the Chief Judge, Mr. Justice Simpson.)

THE WENTWORTH ESTATE.

DEVIATION OF A ROAD.

This was an application for the deviation of a road through certain lands at Port Kembla, in the Illawarra district, which had been sanctioned by an order of the Court, of December 6, 1912, and to dedicate the deviated portion to the public in lieu of another part of the road. The lands concerned had already been settled by William Charles Wentworth, by his will, dated October 17, 1870.

Mr. W. C. Wentworth appeared for the petitioner, D'Arcy Bland Wentworth; and Mr. E. S. Dunhill, for the respondents, Fitzwilliam Wentworth, William Charles Wentworth, James O'Donnell, John O'Donnell, Richard O'Donnell, Michael O'Donnell, and Michael Alfred O'Donnell.

By consent, his Honor made an order as asked.

THE LATE EDWARD TERRY'S ESTATE.

TRUSTEES' APPLICATION.

This was an application in respect of the trusts of the will of the late Edward Terry, of Ryde, the plaintiffs being Reginald Campbell Galbraith, wine and spirit merchant, of Sydney, and Lewis Alexander Johnstone, accountant, of Sydney, trustees and executors of the will; Isabel Elizabeth Terry (widow), and others; and the defendants Dorothy Galbraith (spinster) and Roy Forrest, Eileen Forrest, Colin Galbraith, Elaine Lloyd, Helen Lloyd, Valerie Britten, and Isabel Britten (infants).

Mr. J. A. Brown, instructed by Messrs. Vindin and Littlejohn, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Wickham, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson, Osborne, and Rundle, for the defendants.

Plaintiffs asked for leave to expend £11,067 in pulling down the buildings in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, numbered 21 to 23A, upon land subject to the trusts of the will, and erecting upon the site a six-storied building; the trustees, one year and six months from the date of the final certificate of the architects of the completion of the new building, to invest £50 a year annually as a sinking fund until five-eighths of the cost of erection of the structure had been recouped to the estate.

His Honor granted the application as asked.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Heydon.)

FOOD SUPPLY BOARD.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL.

Mr. W. T. Nicholls, secretary of the Master Butchers' Association, applied for leave to appeal against certain clauses of the award of the Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1 Group), No. 7 Board, of December 16, on the following grounds:—(1) That the hours of labour fixed by clause 1 of the variation of the award does not fix a universal closing time; (2) that the provision allowing scheduled shops to remain open one hour after the closing time of non-scheduled shops will cause inconvenience and loss of trade to the members of the association closing at 5 p.m.; (3) the hours of labour should be 50 each week to be worked as follows: Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon, with the next Court of Quarter Sessions, or at such time and place as the Attorney-General might direct.

CONVICTIONS UPHELD.

Their Honors refused leave to appeal in the case of Arthur (or Albert) William Boyd, convicted before the Chief Justice at Bathurst on October 17 of forgery and uttering, and sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. They held that accused had every opportunity to call what evidence he could call.

The Court dismissed the application for leave to appeal, lodged by Patrick Darcy, who was convicted at the Grafton Quarter Sessions, on November 18, and sentenced by Acting Judge Hamilton to 18 months' hard labour for assault and robbery. Their Honors held that the directions given by the Judge to the jury were perfectly accurate.

In the case of William Jackson, sentenced at the Darlinghurst Quarter Sessions by Judge Docker to five years' penal servitude on a charge of robbery in company, their Honors said that the offence of which he had been found guilty was deserving of a sentence of a severe character. They could not interfere with the sentence, there being nothing to show that his Honor had proceeded on any wrong principle. The application for leave to appeal was accordingly dismissed.

In the case of Thomas Purcell, convicted at the Darlinghurst Quarter Sessions of false pretences, and sentenced by Judge Docker to 12 months' imprisonment, with hard labour, their Honors held that there was evidence which, if the jury believed it, was ample to support the conviction. Appeal accordingly dismissed.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Mr. H. A. G. Curry, president; and Messrs. W. Houston, and C. E. Rennie, Commissioners.)

DENILIQUIN MATTER.

In the matter of the reference by the Minister for Lands for determination of the price of the land comprised in Peter Grieve's original conditional purchase, No. 191/3 Deniliquin, being a conversion of special lease No. 1911/28, the Court sustained the Minister's reference, and determined the price of the land at £3 15s per acre.

APPEALS SUSTAINED.

The Court sustained the appeal by Arthur Osmond Duke against the decision of the Wagga Wagga Land Board in respect of his application for appraisement of the capital value of the land comprised in his conditional purchase and conditional lease No. 1912/12 and 1912/1, Wagga Wagga, the case being remitted to the board for rehearing. It was also directed that the deposit lodged with the notice of appeal be refunded.

In the matter of the appeal by Harold Edwin Gaffney against the decision of the local land board in respect of Henry Pitt's Crown lease application No. 1913/10, Rylstone, the Court sustained the appeal, and remitted the case to the board to re-hear the appellant's and the respondent's applications, the deposit to be refunded.

LAW NOTICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At Darlinghurst Courthouse.—At 11 a.m.—For judgment: Brown v the King, Hindmarsh v Quinn.

SUPREME COURT.

Banco Court.—Banco Court, St. James's-road.—At 10 a.m.: Stanton Cook, Ltd., v Kellow (part heard). Notice to jurors: The jurors engaged in the above part-heard case are required to attend at 10 a.m.; the jurors summoned to attend Banco Court on Thursday, the 18th inst., will not be required to attend at all.

Darlinghurst Causes Court list to be taken in No. 1 Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m. Winter v Wilkinson and wife (part heard). At 10.30 a.m.: Ward v the Lloyd Copper Coy., Ltd., Murphy v Cusack.

No. 2 Causes, No. 2 Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Waring v Druitt. Notice to jurors.—The jurors summoned to attend No. 2 Causes on Thursday, the 18th inst, are required to attend to-day at 10 a.m.

Term Causes to be taken in No. 1 Court, at 2 p.m.—For judgment: In re J. Chalmers and Income Tax Act, in re A. Forsyth and Income Tax Act, in re R. C. Lethbridge and Income Tax Act. Motion: Ex parte George Minns, prohibition (part heard).

Chamber List.—Before Mr. Justice Harvey.—In No. 3 Court.—At 9.30 a.m.: Ex parte Lawrance, habeas Corpus. Before the Prothonotary.—In No. 4 Court, at 9.30 a.m.: Mulholland v Brierley, Middleton garnishee, for payment.

Before the Prothonotary.—Motion: Ex parte Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Minister for Lands v Whitfield, 11 a.m.; same v Mitchell and another, 11.15 a.m. Before the Deputy Prothonotary.—Markrell v the India Rubber Gutta Percha, etc., Coy., 10.30 a.m.; Milne v Forsyth and others, 10.45 a.m.: Birt and Co., Ltd., v Chief Commissioner for Railways, 11.30 a.m.; Murphy v M'Lean, 4 p.m. Before the Chief Clerk.—Ex parte P. A. Simpson, prohibition, 10.30 a.m.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce.—In No. 4 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Cause list: Barnes v Barnes (part heard), Reid v Reid, O'Keefe v O'Keefe, Richardson v Richardson, Bellamy v Bellamy, Scott Todd v Scott Todd, Scott v Scott, Driver v Driver, Foster v Foster.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.—Motions generally: King v King, part heard; Minister for Works and M'Keown, petition for payment out; Minister for Works and Dunn, petition for payment out; re H. W. Wright and Trustee Act and Perpetual Trustee Co., Ltd., Act, motion to appoint Perpetual Trustee Co. new trustee; Minister for Works and Bishop of Sydney, petition for payment out; Roffey v Roffey, motion for decree; King v Wild, further consideration; re J. A. MacKenzie and Conv'g Act, petition for sale. Before his Honor Mr. Justice Street, Judges' Consultation Room.—At 10 a.m.: Auo Import Co., Ltd., and Coy.'s Act, petition to wind up company; Queen Bee Copper Mining Co. and Coy.'s Act, petition to wind up company; Perpetual Trustee Company, Ltd., v Larkin, part heard. Before his Honor Mr. Justice Harvey.—No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Heppner v Heppner, for judgment. Motions generally: M'Hugh v Cassidy, to be mentioned; Fay v Commercial Banking Co., motion to continue injunction; Budgery v Hume, originating summons; re E. Flaretty (owner of M. A. Jones and R. P. Act), summons to remove caveat; do. (do. C. King do.), ditto; do. (do. R. Farlow do.), ditto; Gibbs v Dodd, motion for decree; re R. Gillont and Trustee Act, motion for payment out; Guest v Guest, originating summons.

Before the Acting Master in Equity.—At 11.30: Everett v Brown, to proceed on accounts. 12 noon: Broken Hill Jersey North M. Co. v Broken Hill Junction N.L.M. Co., to settle minutes of order. 12.15: Perpetual Trustee Co. and Tasker, to approve of lease. 12.30, Thompson v Guidoux, to settle minutes of decree. 12.45: Perpetual Trustee Co. to approve of sale. 2.15: Marlow v Auto Import Co., Ltd., to settle minutes of decree. 2.30: Permanent Trustee Co. v Van Wessem, to settle minutes of decree. 2.45: Polnic v Campbell, to settle minutes of decree. 3.15: Re Geo. Schofield and Conv'g Act, to settle minutes of order. 3.15: Marlow v Auto Import Co., to fix security. 3.30: Bowden v Anderson, to settle minutes of order; Donaldson v Donaldson, to settle minutes of order. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11: Heugh v Heugh, to settle minutes of order. 2 p.m.: Trustee, Executor, and Agency Co. v Bowden, costs. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 11 a.m.: Walker v Rosebrook, probate taxation. 12 noon: M'Leod v M'Leod, to tax two bills of costs. 2.15: Re Comet Mines, Ltd., to pass accounts.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before his Honor the Probate Judge, in the Judges' Consultation Room.—At 10 a.m.: L. H. Hyman, to pass accounts and for commission; Hugh Hughes, to pass accounts and for commission; R. Sutton, order absolute; A. Reynolds, power of sale. The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—At 10.30, J. Armstrong; 10.45, H. Thomas; 11, A. Quinlan; 11.15, Mrs. Donoughy; 11.30, A. A. M. Randall; 12, J. W. Adams; 12.15, T. MacCulloch. Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Mrs. Wolfe, to tax costs.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar, Supreme Court Buildings, Elizabeth-street.—At 10 a.m.: Hearing of creditors' petitions—Re Robert Adams, ex parte William Henry Adams; re Mirk Goodin (also known as Goolom Boota or Goolloom Bota), ex parte Nicholas Cain; re George Frederick Tasker, ex parte Walters and Middleton. Motion for release—William Burden (insolvency). Motion to vary order under section 61, dated 7th September, 1905—Re Herbert Hendy Pooley. Motion for order under section 40—Charles Henry Waller Willes. Certificate applications—Herbert Hendy Pooley; James Woodward. Single meetings and public examinations—William Willis; George William Anderson. At 2.15 p.m.: Re Mirk Goodin (also known as Goolom Boota or Goolloom Bota), ex parte Nicholas Cain; re George William Anderson

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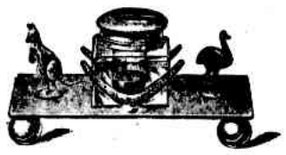

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

VALUE OF BIRDS.

The value of insectivorous birds is impressing itself more and more on the community, largely as the result of the great attention that has been caused by the havoc worked by different pests. Some time ago we published an interesting paper on the grasshopper pest, which was prepared for the Upper Hunter P.P. Board by the local stock inspector. In that reference was made to the value of birds. The board is desirous of securing the fullest information regarding the grasshopper pest, and at its instance the chief inspector of stock has circularised the different stock inspectors, asking for any information they can furnish about this pest. It is Mr. Symons' intention later to distribute the collected information amongst the P.P. boards, with a view to the local stockowners taking protective steps. Only a few replies are to hand as yet, but one of them, from Mr. J. M. Rochfort, stock inspector at Jerilderie, is extremely interesting, and of considerable value. It is evident that the writer is a keen observer, and his evidence goes to strengthen the case for insectivorous birds in the imperative place they occupy in the natural scale.

In the course of his report, Mr. Rochfort points out that the amount of damage done by the grasshopper pest in his locality this year was not worthy of notice, and much below the average. "The principal, if not the only reason," he says, "was simply the presence of countless numbers of birds in this district, viz., the sacred ibis and other insectivorous birds." Stockowners undoubtedly owe their immunity from this pest to this cause, in Mr. Rochfort's opinion. He continues, "Since the beginning of the year I have noticed, and others bear this out, that the flocks of these birds were greatly in excess of other years. Are they less than usual in other districts? An affirmative reply would convey a great and valuable quantity of information. It holds that when these birds are in excess the grasshopper has to remain in abeyance. This year they were not only in their usual large flocks on the plain country, but also in the forest country to at least the southern border of the district."

As a practical illustration of the impression the work of the ibis has created, Mr. Rochfort points out that steps are taken by private landowners to protect the bird, in the way of guarding the swamps, where it usually nests. This is done on Yanco and Bundure stations. "Last year," Mr. Rochfort states, "a man engaged to protect the nest was a day late in getting out, and many of them had been wantonly destroyed in the last day. This year they are zealously guarded, and any person found interfering with them would fare very badly." It is to be hoped so. It is extraordinary that people should find any pleasure or profit in such wantoness; and if nothing else prevents it is time the law taught them that the position of this country will not permit its continuance, simply from a plain business standpoint.

Mr. Rochfort is also a supporter of the starling, which he says is beginning to find its way on to the plains, "to the great joy of the sheepowners. Here these birds very largely diet on the flies following, and often carried on the backs of the sheep all day, but I have not the least doubt that they account for many of the grasshoppers, as I have often seen them feeding on some insects on the ground that appear to require considerable agility to catch. With the number of insectivorous birds we have here at present the balance of nature appears quite assured in favour of the pastures, as against the grasshopper, and there are good augories that the maggot fly may shortly be placed in the same position, as the starling is multiplying very fast. The fly pest is quiescent here just now, having given the sheep a bad time on some holdings, worse probably than they will ever do again in this district, as the southern portion has been practically immune, and the starlings are beginning to settle in the north." It is not surprising to find the writer saying in conclusion, "I feel convinced that the sheepowners' redemption from the ravages of both blowflies and grasshoppers, and to a large extent, caterpillars will be best and cheapest worked through the natural enemies of both, the preservation of which is becoming a recognised necessity." From a practical observer in the back country this report is a rare testimony to the value of useful birds.

THE FRUIT INDUSTRY.

UNCULTIVATED LANDS AND BAD ROADS.

Along the banks of the Hawkesbury River on both sides of the stream for some hundreds of cultivable miles, are still to be found fairly extensive areas eminently suitable for the cultivation of all varieties of summer fruits. In the Camden district, and along the banks of the Nepean River fertile summer fruit lands are also to be found. In a lesser degree are to be found uncultivated areas between the lower Hawkesbury and Hornsby. Farther on, at Gosford, and in the county of Kincumber, that region be produced, areas are also lying dormant. If any evidence is wanting of the fertility of the soils in all these places, and their suitability for the production of all the choice varieties of summer fruits, such as peaches, apples, pears, and plums, as well as ground crops, it can be found in a very great number of instances where the proper methods of cultivation are practised. Certainly one finds also in just as many cases instances of unprofitable practices in fruit-growing, and one also hears the lament of the unsuccessful and the deserters of the summer fruit-growing business as a means of earning a full family ration. All these places could well make up, and more, the area required to cover that which has gone out of cultivation in the older fruit districts of the County of Cumberland, adjacent to the metropolis, which have given way to the march of residential settlement. But, unfortunately, nothing of the sort has happened.

The men who grew choice dessert fruits for the Sydney markets within a few miles of it showed no inclination to step back upon a fresh area, and their sons are just as much if not more, disinclined to follow summer fruit-growing under changed conditions of location. Sons of prosperous growers, too, in these localities, where areas are easily available for expansion, show a decided aversion to growing choice fruits. Prices for Peaches, for which they could now get as much as £1 per box, and shut their eyes to the fact that the market for Elberta peaches for canning purposes is practically unlimited, and that the net returns were gained by some growers last season of £1000 from 10 acres of this fruit. The lure of the city would seem to have a particularly fatal fascination for the sons of orchardists within easy reach of its environments.

Instances have come under the writer's notice where the boys of prosperous fruit-growers have declined gifts of land with distinctly favourable prospects before them, to take up occupations in the city for which they can never hope to receive more than £2 10s to £3 per week. Experienced young men are dropping the game of fruit-growing at a time when the prospects were never brighter. Certainly there are those who view with a most settled conviction all the convincing evidence of remarkably favourable periods for a long time to come for the growers of summer fruits, and it is these men who are extending and developing this particular branch of the industry.

It is, nevertheless, a very serious matter that we have to-day under cultivation 9000 acres less of peaches, pears, and plums than we had ten years ago. What are all the contributing causes of this decline? One is inclined to some extent to blame the apathy of the different Governments of the day, and to give just as big a portion of censure to the growers themselves for their selfishness and disregard of almost everything pertaining to progressive innovations and experiments of any kind whatever. Lack of organisation and control is certainly one of the chief contributing factors which has placed what should be one of the primary industries far down on the scale of commercial importance. Object lessons of most apparent conclusiveness which have been afforded us by other fruit-growing countries from time to time are ignored with most unaccountable disinterestedness. Other States of the Commonwealth much less favoured than New South Wales are leaving us far behind in fruit-growing progress and expansion.

As a matter of fact Victoria particularly—a State which has to contend with all sorts of adverse weather conditions militating against fruit crops—looks upon New South Wales as a market of considerable worth, and her growers are extending their plantations of peaches, pears, plums, and apricots for no other purpose than to supply the wants of the Sydney market. And yet we have our own thousands of acres of uncultivated land capable of producing all the fruit we want, and more, of a distinctly better quality than anything we can import from any of the other Commonwealth States. But in Victoria they have taken up the business side of the industry, recognising that the commerce and the trade of it is the king pin of successful cultivation and expansion. They are alive to the fact that individualistic tendencies in an industry of this character are fatal to progress, that community interests must be aroused, and that the good of one must become the good of many; and that whatever advantages are to be obtained from the industry must be distributed to the many in the same proportions and under the same conditions. By this means not only are the best markets and the best prices obtained for fruit in quantities, but encouragement is also given to community settlements. This in itself is probably one of the most vital necessary adjuncts to successful fruitgrowing. Until our own Government recognises that it is very necessary in order to promote fruit settlement to set aside areas of sufficient expanse and suitability as well as affording facilities of rapid transit of the orchard products to market, we cannot hope for any satisfactory advance in the production of summer fruits.

The present position of the industry and the disinclination on the part of the people to adopt fruitgrowing as a means of livelihood, are brought about by the fact that we have no recognised fruit districts of any importance where land is easily acquired for that purpose. It means that the fruit districts are isolated, and only in few instances are men found of sufficient courage to take the risk of conveying soft summer fruits over miles of uneven and tortuous country roads. Mention is made of the fact in the latest statistics of the normal level maintained by the citrus-growing industry. This is easily accounted for by the fact that the fruit can be carried for fairly long distances, and subjected to anything but careful handling, without much damage being done to it. It is almost impossible for those orchardists situated at Glenorie, Arcadia, Kenthurst, and other of the more distant portions of the county of Cumberland, to grow summer fruits at a profit to themselves. Peaches or plums, which might easily be worth 10s per box at the time they were packed on the orchard, would without doubt go to the jam factories after their trip of 15 or 16 miles in an orchardist cart over rough roads and another 10 miles or so in open trucks on an ordinary goods train, one shunting operation of which would be sufficient in itself to reduce the value of the fruit from 10s to 2s 6d per box. The same can be said of the bulk of that fine fruitgrowing country on the Kurrajong side of the Hawkesbury.

During spells of dry weather such as we are having at the present time the condition of even well-kept suburban highways is cause for much complaint from those who have to travel over them, but in the orchard districts, where the roads are mostly soft ironstone or sandstone, no temperate expression of opinion could give any idea of their deplorable state. There are miles of deep sandy ruts and sandstone holes, with very short stretches of only moderately level roadway. Very often the grower is compelled to take up half a load over these stretches of bad roads, deposit it on the roadside, and return for the other half of his load. All this handling and jolting probably depreciates the value of his fruit a third of its value and in a good many instances 50 per cent. Growers are often blamed for careless and bad packing of their fruit, but often it is not the men who are to blame, but the roads over which their stuff has to be carted. Fruit packed in the most attractive manner would be found, when opened in the market, to be jammed to one end of the box, and badly bruised where they come into contact with the lid. A grower on the Hawkesbury who has to cart his fruit over such roads says that he considers that every time he takes 50 boxes over one stretch of half a mile of ruts and sandstone boulders he loses £5. He would be only too willing to do the work of road improvement himself, but he has neither the time at his disposal nor the means of doing so. In a good many districts orchardists do form working bees in order that the roads may be made trafficable during the height of the fruit season. Unfortunately it is when the roads are required to be in good order that they are at their worst. In winter time, when there is little traffic and plenty of rain, these sandstone roadways are quite passable, but in dry weather such as the present they are costing our orchardists thousands of pounds, and assisting, among other things, to disheartem them, and bar the progress which is so badly needed.

BIRD PROTECTION.

WORK OF GOULD LEAGUE.

MORE SANCTUARIES NEEDED.

A healthy interest has been aroused among school children in Nature study, and the membership of the Gould League of Bird Lovers, which aims at protecting bird life, has in the three years since its formation grown in quite a remarkable way. Last year 158 branches of the league were formed, representing 8259 new members, making a total of 540 branches, with 25,963 members.

The annual meeting of the organisation was held yesterday at the Girls' High School, in Castlereagh-street, Mr. J. Dawson (Chief Inspector of Schools) being in the chair.

The report of the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Finigan) stated that literary competitions had been held during the year. The council had affirmed the desirability of federating with the Gould Leagues of other States. The balance-sheet showed a small credit balance.

The chairman said that the movement for the preservation of wild life was spreading among the schools of the public generally. He had noticed during his recent tour through Europe that there was scarcely a bird to be seen in France. In England and Scotland bird-life was, however, fairly plentiful.

Mr. W. W. Froggatt (Government Entomologist) hoped that the day was not far distant when there would be a branch of the league in every school. He made a plea for the establishment of more bird sanctuaries. In various parts of the country landholders had forbidden the killing of birds on their properties. They were hopeful of having the greater part of Macquarie Swamps declared a sanctuary. He had been studying bird-life in the dry parts of the country, and found that where bores had been put down, and tanks constructed, some classes of bird-life were increasing. On one station property near Brewarrina he had in one hour counted over 300 birds which had come to drink at one of the tanks. He did not know whether he was in agreement with the council or not, but he was strongly of opinion that it was no use protecting all birds indiscriminately. There were some birds which, through the want of a balance, or alteration of the balance, might easily become pests, as would galahs for example, in a wheat district.

Mr. Berman, on behalf of Mr. Hanscombe, moved "that the authorities be asked to declare the great extent of swamp and lagoon country between Newcastle and Port Stephens a bird sanctuary." These swamps were, he said, eminently suited for bird-life, and were of little use for anything else. They were at present the home of waterfowl of all descriptions and swamp wallabies.

Messrs. Page (Seven Hills), Webster (Glenmore-road), Dart (Croydon Park), and J. P. Burrows supported the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Froggatt said that it was wonderful what could be done to attract and keep birds about a place by providing water for them. Where water was to be obtained birds would not touch so much fruit as when there was no other way of obtaining a drink.

On the motion of Messrs. Dennison and Wiseman, it was resolved to recommend the incoming council to consider the advisability of appointing honorary inspectors to further the work of the league.

A number of excellent water-colour drawings of birds and flora of the Warren district, executed by Mr. C. Costelow, attracted much attention, and were the subject of encomiums by Messrs. Dawson, Webster, Berman, and Miss Graham. Mr. Costelow promised to lend the collection to the council for exhibition purposes.

CACTUS ESTATES, LTD.

Mr. J. Laker MacMillan, F.C.S., writes:—Mr. O. C. Roberts's explanation appearing in Wednesday's issue of the "Herald" does not remove the obscurity as to cost. He says: "For an expenditure of 15s per acre they can supply sufficient arsenious chloride to rot the gear down to the bulbs, and have it ready for the plough," adding, "if the settler so desires he can burn the dried pear fibre and scrub." Naturally he will so desire, but it is not likely to desire to manufacture potash from the dried pear, or anything else. Supposing, however, that he is foolish enough to deviate from his proper vocation, he would seek some better source of potash than dried pear, which, according to Mr. Roberts, yields only 2 per mille of carbonate, and that of questionable purity. Does Mr. Roberts seriously believe that the cost of burning 1000 tons of dry pear, leaching the ash, and treating it so as to obtain 2 tons of pure sodium carbonate, would cover the cost? The wrong formula for arsenic trichloride set forth in the prospectus, may, as he says, have been due to a printer's error, but, appearing as it does prominently and apart from close matter, it is strange that it should escape revisal. This error, however, is not the only one. It is stated that arsenic trichloride "is, when heated, a soluble form of arsenic gas." It is not soluble, and does not exist as a gas. Normally it is liquid, and what Mr. Roberts employs is the vapour of this liquid. As previously pointed out, when brought into contact with water it is decomposed, and is no longer arsenic trichloride; it becomes reduced to common arsenic, which is but sparingly soluble, and would in this State be much less potential for the purpose claimed than the arsenite of soda in common use, which is largely soluble.

Mr. Roberts, in his letter of explanation, under discussion, says that arsenious chloride does not become arsenious oxide (common arsenic) until after it penetrates the pear. This is an unfortunate admission, for all along he has claimed that the trichloride is absorbed by the pear, and that it circulates in the plant as such. He further admits in this very connection that arsenious oxide (common arsenic) can have very little effect. Yet, the use of such is what, in reality, his method amounts to.

Mr. H. N. Leach, in his description of the method, says: "Some of the leaves appeared to have a chemical crust on them." This he attributed to hydrogen chloride. Hydrogen chloride could not so behave. More likely the chemical crust was arsenic oxychloride, formed when the trichloride comes in contact with the lower reduction, common arsenic.

It is stated in the prospectus that arsenic trichloride is practically an unknown chemical; all the same it is a chemical that has been the subject of much investigation, and has been known to chemists for nearly 300 years. It might just be added that the application to plants of chemicals in the state of vapour is not novel, and that any one would be at liberty to extend this, from the killing of plant parasites to the killing of plants, regarded as parasites, regardless of any patent.

IRRIGATION AREAS.

FORTNIGHTLY OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Irrigation Commissioner reports:—During the past fortnight the irrigation areas in common with other parts of the Riverina, have had several days of very hot weather with hot winds. The severity of these winds, such as displayed on this occasion, is happily rare, and should impress settlers with the necessity of planning windbreaks concurrently with orchards. The Yanco experiment farm provides an object lesson regarding the value of windbreaks. Although but five years have passed since the trees were planted, the sugar gums, kurrajongs, Oriental plane trees have made surprising growth. The effectiveness of these shelter belts is manifest. The conditions of settlement make it mandatory that each settler shall protect his holding with windbreaks, and from the experience in these districts generally no more important enactment could be made to protect the farms and orchards which the irrigation water is destined to make fruitful. Nature has particularly favoured these irrigation areas, but in no part of the world does a perfect situation exist at the outset. Man must contribute his quota to make the position ideal. The one thing absolutely essential for the settler to do now is to establish windbreaks. The experimental farm has shown what is best to be done. The settlers should follow the example. Shelter belts are the sine qua non in making these areas desirable localities to live in. There are trees suitable for windbreaks which have considerable economic value. Among these is the almond, which has made great headway at the State farm.

Two hundred farms, comprising the Gogeldrie section of the irrigation areas, are being got ready for settlement. Fifty of these are expected to be ready in February next. These farms have areas from 50 to 200 acres. The larger size farms are being surveyed so as to have the "dry" area adjoining the irrigable portion. Thus 50 acres are to be irrigated, the remaining 150 acres to be used as a natural grass proposition. This method should attract dairymen from all parts of the State. There are 16 dairy farms of 200 acres in the Yanco section now available. This area originally comprised 50-acre farms, but they were not selected, owing to the dry portions being unattached. They are now open for permissive occupancy, pending their being subdivided and formally thrown open.

The hay crops generally on the Yanco and Mirrool areas have turned out well, up to 3 tons or more per acre being harvested in some cases. Settlers realise the great advantage of irrigation in producing crops. The methods adopted by settlers in applying the water at the outset were in many instances somewhat primitive, owing to the hasty manner in which they prepared the land to get crops in the first season. Experience will be necessary to bring about the desired adoption of the fundamental principles of irrigation farming, enabling the settlers to apply a minimum quantity of water properly, and prompting them to an essential system of thorough cultivation.

The prospect of a canning factory being established at Leeton is creating an incentive among settlers to plant the necessary vegetables for the purpose.

Dairying continues to make headway. The commission recently purchased a further lot of 100 grade dairy cows for distribution among settlers on terms. Thirty-two cows were disposed of to Mirrool settlers and 42 cows to Yanco dairymen last week. Jersey and Guernsey bulls (pure-bred) are leased to settlers, the charge being 2s 6d per cow. Maize, sorghum, millet, etc., are being planted largely for cow feed. Several good fields of lucerne are now noticeable at Yanco, and it is anticipated that during the autumn very extensive areas of this valuable fodder plant will be sown.

Arrangements are being made by the manager of the irrigation areas (Mr. Broatch) to convey cream, produced at Mirrool, to the Leeton butter factory by a motor lorry. The conveyance, while passing through the northern section of the Yanco area will pick up settlers' cream in the vicinity of Stony Point, and return the cream cans.

Abattoirs and bacon factory are to be erected shortly at Yanco railway station. The plans for these are almost completed.

The electric light is to be installed at Leeton almost at once. The water tower for supplying the town with water is being rapidly proceeded with. Provision is to be made for an outlook from the summit of the tower, the ascent being made with an electric lift. A fine view of the surrounding country will be thus obtained. The site of the town is itself rises 60ft out of the plain, and when this is supplemented by a similar height the landscape dotted over with numerous farms will come into continuous view.

A branch of the Agricultural Bureau is to be established at Mirrool. One has already been started at Leeton. A public hall and committee rooms are to be erected at Mirrool, in which to hold meetings of the bureau and for other public affairs.

The demand for irrigation farms is on the increase, the whole of the farms available being nearly acquired. The Coolbaroo irrigation farms, it is anticipated, will be eagerly sought when thrown open a few months hence.

MANAGEMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE CONCERNS.

Mr. Harold G. Powell, general manager of the Californian Fruit-growers' Exchange, writes in "Co-operation in Agriculture":—"A co-operative organisation is more difficult to manage than an ordinary corporation. In the latter, the stockholders do not often take an active interest in its management, because they are not experts in the business of the corporation.

"There are two extremes in the method of managing a co-operative organisation of farmers; one is a method in which the manager becomes an arbitrary dictator in developing and executing the policies of the association similar to the method in many stock corporations; in the other, the directors establish the policies and execute them through a clerical assistant. Either system is almost certain to fail in the end. Neither is founded on principles that are adapted to a farmers' co-operative organisation.

"Between the two extremes lies the successful method of management. The manager who succeeds is he who holds the confidence of the directors and the interest of the members, and who shapes them into a working policy, who acts on matters of policy only after the approval of the directors, and who, at the same time, takes the initiative in the development of a progressive, constructive business policy for the directors to adopt. . . . Again, from the standpoint of the association itself, co-operative organisations can succeed if the directors are unwilling to place its business management in the hands of a strong, aggressive, thoroughly experienced, well-paid man and to carry out all of its policies through him alone. . . .

"Of all the different factors that have been contributory, no single factor, unless it is the disloyalty of the members themselves, or the meddling of the members in the duties of management, has operated so strongly against the success of farmers' business associations as the low salaried, inexperienced, incompetent managers selected by the directors to handle these organisations.

"This position is not a place to be filled by a popular local leader who has often failed in business, or who has been only moderately successful. There are many association managers of this type. They are 'good fellows,' but they often stand in the way of real progress in the co-operative movement because they have none of the elements of leadership, or do not possess convictions of a kind that lead to the up-lifting of the co-operative method."

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MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION AREAS.

ADDITIONAL FARMS AVAILABLE.

Particulars of a further subdivision of farms on the Murrumbidgee irrigation areas appeared in the Government Gazette published yesterday. The area included in this subdivision is in excess of 1000 acres, and comprises 54 farms, which will be available for application on and after January 12. The land, which includes thirty-two workmen's blocks and small farms and twenty-two farms of larger areas, is suitable for intense culture, and is situated from two to four miles from the town of Leeton, and about five miles from Yanco railway station. Several of the larger farms are eminently suitable for dairying, as they comprise dry, or non-irrigable, land in addition to an irrigable area within their boundaries.

A RECORD CROP.

QUEANBEYAN.—Mr. J. W. Dowling, of Bywong station, has grown a record crop of wheat. The 60 acres, it is estimated, will cut 2 tons of hay to the acre. The wheat is of the Cleveland variety, and when growing was six feet high. This is not the only good wheat crop in the district, and clearly demonstrates, especially considering the bad season, that, if the land is properly cultivated, Queanbeyan district can produce as good a crop as anywhere in the State.

THE HARVEST.

BATHURST.—Nowhere in the Bathurst district does one see the result of the application of improved farming methods more than around O'Connell, Macquarie Plains, and Brewongle. In every instance where the ground has been fallowed a bumper crop is being harvested. Mr. Hillan, of O'Connell, has a crop of Chant's Prolific wheat, estimated to go 30 bushels to the acre on an area which for years produced only a small quantity of scrappy hay under the old methods. Mr. H. McKibbin of the same centre, who has about 200 acres of wheat under crop, expects to average about two tons of hay to the acre. The crop left for grain is expected to return 30 bushels. At Brewongle there are also many good crops. The yield is expected to be double the average for the district. The same applies to the Macquarie Plains district. The withering blasts for the last few weeks have somewhat discounted the favourable season, and rain is now badly needed. But taking everything into consideration the past season has been one of the best for years, and, given a fair price for their produce, the farmers will have cause to be pleased.

CRABOON.—The intense heat and hot, drying winds of the last few weeks have ripened the crops very quickly, and the grass has been burnt up. The wheat has ripened so fast that the winds have blown large quantities of the grain from the husks, so that farmers are not garnering the whole of the crops. Despite this fact, many farmers have bagged forty bushels of wheat to the acre from some of their crops. The record seems to have been obtained from the experimental plots sown at Cranbourne by the Department of Agriculture, where Yandilla King averaged 67 bushels to the acre. These plots proved very successful. The lowest yield was obtained from Federation (15lb of seed to the acre), and this resulted in 32 bushels to the acre.

JERILDERIE.—The weather lately has been splendid for harvest work. So far it has not been too warm as a rule. Although reports in some places give up to a 10-bag yield, in the majority from five to six bags per acre seem to be about the average. Most of the wheat gathered is of fine average quality, and should grist well. The only drawback is the low price ruling in these parts—from 2s to 2s 2d a bushel, which, after the expenses are deducted, show only a moderate return to the producer.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BERRY.—The district generally is in a deplorable state for the want of grass, and farmers are in a very bad way. The town water supply is becoming short, and householders are being restricted to its use for domestic purposes only.

MUDGEE.—At a meeting of the Mudgee Pastures' Protection Board the stock inspector (Mr. F. H. Whyte) reported that since the last meeting of the board he had visited holdings in the Hargraves, Windeyer, Grattai, and Burrendong portions of the district. There was still an abundance of feed, but owing to the hot, dry winds and the absence of rain during the past month, grass had become very dry. There was no cause for alarm, other than from bush fires. In some dams water was disappearing very rapidly. Stock were still in very good condition. There had been no further outbreak of cumberland. Shearing was now nearly completed throughout the district, and some very good clips had been reported. When returns come to hand he expected a large increase in the weight of wool per sheep, as compared with previous years. Rabbits were still numerous throughout the district. During the last month trapping had slackened off considerably, and he found it very hard to get owners to run the poison cart. Many owners were afraid of starting fires; others said that labour was not available. The rabbits, he thought, were more numerous in the southern or hilly country this year than in previous years. Consequently they were allowed to breed undisturbed. There was still fair feed on the stock routes, but water was becoming rather scarce. Most of the reserves were thickly infested with rabbits.

MUSWELLBROOK.—The continued dry weather is causing anxiety to the farmers, dairymen, and pastoralists. Grass is drying up, and the supply of water failing rapidly. Most of the house tanks are dry. The townspeople are anxiously awaiting a water supply being made available.

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BAHR.—The Friends of Mrs. HATCHER and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FRIEND, Mrs. Bahr, senior; to leave her son's residence, 51 Wentworth-street, Tempe, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, for Tempe Station, thence for Sutherland Cemetery.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker,
23 Enmore-road, Newtown.

CARLETON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. VIVIAN CARLETON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-loved INFANT DAUGHTER, Dorothy Jean; to leave their residence, 114 Renwick-street, Leichhardt, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 to 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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CARTER.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY ANN CARTER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND, Henry Joseph; to leave his late residence, Byera-street, Enfield, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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CARTAAR.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ISABELLA AGNES CARTAAR will leave her late residence, 26 Barcom-avenue, Darlinghurst, THIS FRIDAY, at 3.45 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
CHARLES KINSELA,
Funeral Director,
Head Office, 143 Oxford-street, city.
Tel. 864 Paddy.

FITZGERALD.—The Friends of Mrs. MARTHA FITZGERALD and FAMILY, 163 Weston-road, Bowelle, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Mrs. Mary Nash; to move from St. Joseph's Church, Rozelle, THIS DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL,
Funeral Director.

GUCKNEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GORDON GUCKNEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, George Ernest; to leave Arncliffe-street, Arncliffe, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
F. W. HARTLEY,
Undertaker.
JOSEPH FREDERICK COFFILL, Manager.

GRIFFIN.—The Friends of Mrs. MARIE GRIFFIN are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, Alfred, to leave Roylance, Ivanhoe-street, Marrickville, THIS FRIDAY, at 1 o'clock p.m., for Woronora Cemetery, via Sydenham station.
CHARLES KINSELA,
Funeral Director, 457 Illawarra-road, Marrickville.
Tel., 567 Petersham.

GRIFFIN.—The Friends of Mr. ALFRED R. B. GRIFFIN and Miss L. A. GRIFFIN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, Alfred; to leave Roylance, Ivanhoe-street, Marrickville, THIS FRIDAY, at 1 p.m., for Woronora Cemetery, via Sydenham station.
CHARLES KINSELA,
143 Oxford-street, city.

HOLLAND.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. ELIZABETH JANE HOLLAND, Messrs. R. J. and CHARLES DREWELL, G. HOLLAND, junior, Mrs. L. BOWE, R. LORD, W. WALKER, J. LYNCH, and W. STEPHEN, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved HUSBAND, their FATHER, George Holland; to leave his late residence, Corona, Williamstreet, Double Bay, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, South Head.
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HICKEY.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS HICKEY and Mr. THOMAS LONDON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved WIFE and MOTHER (widow), to move from Quambi, Old Canterbury-road, Lewisham, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8.45, for Necropolis, via Lewisham Station.
J. BRAUER, Funeral Director, Summer Hill.
Tel., 222 Ashfield.

LUPTON.—The Friends of Mrs. FRANK LUPTON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Lily Bernadine, which will leave her late residence, Rosebank, Botany-road, Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Botany Cemetery.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

MCGURGAN.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. DANIEL MCGURGAN (late of Govt. Railways) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE; to leave his residence, 221 Pittwater-road, Manly, THIS DAY (Friday), at 3 p.m., for the R.C. Cemetery, Manly. Waugh and Co., Funeral Dir.

NEVE.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK NEVE, of 37 Charles-street, Forest Lodge, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, Gertrude Amelia; to leave Mortuary Station, Regent-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.35 p.m. Funeral Train, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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O'HARNESSY.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM C. O'HARNESSY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved John SON, Henry Arthur; to leave their residence, 11 Wellesley-terrace, Elizabeth-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.15 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Waverley.
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OLSEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JACK STORM, Junr., and Mr. and Mrs. GEO. STORM, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their fellow BROTHER-IN-LAW, Capt. Maurice Olsen; to leave his late residence, 8 Cromwell-street, Petersham, THIS DAY, at 8.30 a.m., for Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood, via Lewisham Station.
CROCKETT and CO., Undertakers, L'hardt. T., 207 P.

WILLIAMS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SULLIVAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON, Robert; to leave their residence, Elsieville, Illawarra-road, Marrickville, THIS DAY, Saturday, at 3.15 p.m., for Newtown station, thence to R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood, No. 2 Section. ERNEST ANDREWS and CO., Australia-street, Newtown (only). 'Phone, 75.

VIGARS.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN VIGARS, of Alnecta, William-street, Chatswood, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved SON, Ernest Wilkinson John; to leave our Mortuary Chapel, 319 George-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
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'PHONES 726 Cent., and 9 North Sydney.

WILSON.—The Friends of Mrs. A. E. WILSON and FAMILY, late of Lambton, Newcastle, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved HUSBAND and their FATHER, Albert Edward Wilson; to leave his late residence, 125 Glebe-street, Glebe, TODAY (Saturday), AFTERNOON, at 1.15 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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DAY, 27th December, until 6 p.m.; WEDNESDAY, 31st December, until 10 p.m.; FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., until 10 p.m. SATURDAY, 3rd Jan., until 6 p.m.
S. J. CARRUTHERS, Secretary.

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B. J. JANES,
Secretary.
196 Alfred-street,
North Sydney,
17th December, 1913.

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I HEREBY withdraw from Sale my Property. T. L. Polin, Pennant-parade, Carlingford.

I, A. HOCKINGS, Chemist, Marrickville, withdraw property for sale from all agents from date.

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I HEREBY withdraw from all Agents my Cottage at 85 Meeks-rd, Marrickville. E. Imbert.

I WITHDRAW the Sale of my Boarding-house from all Agents. C. V. Parker 82 Grafton-st, W'hra.

STATE ELECTIONS.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BONDI.
GENERAL ELECTION, 6th DECEMBER, 1913.
RESULT OF POLL.

FRANK FARNELL	1638
GEORGE JOSHUA MOXON	1995
JAMES WILLIAM MACARTHUR ONSLOW	4327

I hereby declare JAMES WILLIAM MACARTHUR ONSLOW duly elected a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for the Electoral District of BONDI.
REG. SULLIVAN,
Returning Officer.
Harkness-street, Woollahra.
17th December, 1913.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BURWOOD.
GENERAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 6th, 1913.
RESULT OF POLL.

HENLEY, THOS.	3880
HOCKING, W. H.	2728

I hereby declare THOMAS HENLEY duly elected a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for the Electoral District of Burwood.
A. T. CARPENTER,
Returning Officer.
Burwood, Dec. 18th, 1913.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DULWICH HILL.
GENERAL ELECTION, 6th DECEMBER, 1913.
RESULT OF POLL.

HOSKINS, TOM JAMES	3297
JONES, ARTHUR ALEXANDER	3453
M'CONNELL, HARRIE	103
PROSSER, EVAN	85
Informal	200

I hereby declare TOM JAMES HOSKINS duly elected a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for the Electoral District of Dulwich Hill.
W. T. HENSON,
Returning Officer.
Marrickville, 16th December, 1913.
Continuance, 3746.
Reduction, 506.
No-License, 4544.
Informal, 259.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MARRICKVILLE.
GENERAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 6, 1913.
RESULT OF POLL.

CRAWFORD, THOMAS SIMPSON	4911
DAVISON, SAMUEL	266
WALLACE, WILLIAM	2877
Informal	102
Majority	2034

I hereby declare THOMAS SIMPSON CRAWFORD duly elected a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for the Electoral District of Marrickville.
GEORGE E. ALLEN,
Returning Officer.
Fernbank-street,
December 18, 1913.

SURRY HILLS ELECTORATE LIBERTY LEAGUE.—The Members of the above League tender their sincerest THANKS to the Electors who, at the recent Local Option Poll, by a substantial majority, proclaimed their emancipation from the control of those faddists who deny men and women the right of thinking for themselves.
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THE MINERS.

TROUBLE OVER THE CAVIL.

MR. HIBBLE'S ADVICE.

BULLI, Thursday.

When the Southern Collieries Wages Board resumed its sittings to-day at Bulli, the chairman (Mr. Charles Hibble) said it had come under his notice that two collieries—namely, Coal Cliff and South Clifton Tunnel—were idle owing to the men refusing to draw the cavil. He desired to know what the trouble was about, and intimated that now that the industry had its own board sitting there should certainly be no cessations of work.

The board then discussed the matters at length in camera, and this afternoon the chairman issued the following official statement to the press:—"Regarding the South Clifton Tunnel the men claimed that the number of special places was increased from six to seven and that such was a breach of existing customs of the colliery. After hearing the whole of the facts of the case, it appeared to the chairman that the extra place was bona fide required for the general necessities of the mine, and he suggested therefore that the cavils should be drawn forthwith. This would be without prejudice to the ultimate rights of either side. Mr. Willis, miners' secretary, who is a member of the board, said he would at once convey the chairman's views to the lodge.

"With reference to the stoppage at Coal Cliff, the chairman said the miners there objected to drawing the cavils because the manager had included in the cavil two boards amongst the double-shifted places, the men contending that this was a breach of Judge Scholes's judgment of July last, when a reference was made to the Court. This question had also been discussed by the board in all its bearings, and the chairman recommended that the cavils be drawn. He thought the difficulty would be overcome if the men who cavilled the two boards did so on the distinct understanding that those cavilling in No. 1 south should start in the cut through, and afterwards work adjacent cut-throughs; if no cut-throughs were available, then a bord to be worked. Regarding the bord in No. 1 north, the men who cavilled same, after driving about twenty yards, should then go on in the cut-throughs for the balance of the quarter. He expressed the opinion that if his suggestion was adopted it would get over the present difficulty, and at the same time not in any way interfere with the future claims of either party."

B.M.A. DISPUTE.

LITHGOW SOCIETIES REMAIN FIRM.

NO COMPROMISE WITH DOCTORS.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

There was a full attendance of representatives of the various friendly societies in Lithgow at a meeting of the association. The main business was to consider the new B.M.A. agreement, and to count the ballot of members on the subject. There was an overwhelming majority in favour of calling applications for new medical officers, under the conditions now prevailing, and the council decided to take this course. Two doctors are to be appointed. A proposal was received from the local doctors submitting a tentative agreement to remain in force for three months, pending any decision arrived at between the B.M.A. and the Sydney council of the friendly societies. Should an agreement be come to the doctors undertook to refund all fees paid in excess of the amount agreed on between abovementioned organisations, and to abide by the conditions in the new agreement. This was rejected by the association, and there was a general feeling that there could be no compromise. One important question, namely, the pooling of medical funds, was referred back to the lodges for consideration.

At a meeting of the United Service Lodge, No. 92, P.A.F.S. of A., Marrickville, the B.M.A. agreement was almost unanimously rejected, and the doctors' resignations were accepted. A sub-committee was appointed to wait on other doctors in the district, and arrange terms on the basis of the modified form of agreement submitted by the P.S. Association. The members of the Newtown and Marrickville Dispensary Boards were discussed, and it was decided to co-operate with both boards.

At the specially summoned meeting of the Court Pride of Leichhardt Ancient Order of Foresters, it was decided to reject the agreement as submitted by the British Medical Association, and to accept the resignation of the court's medical officers. The officers of the court were empowered to make arrangements with other medical men.

A special committee of the I.O.O.F. Lodges has recommended that the lodges should credit their medical contributions to a special fund, and approach their medical officers with the following proposal:—When a member or one of his family becomes ill, he is to call the doctor in his own name, as a private patient. The doctor is to render his account to the patient in the ordinary way, but the lodge will pay direct to the doctor, at regular intervals, the proportion (three-fourths) which the members are entitled to claim from the medical fund. In return for this regular and assured payment of the greater part of the members' accounts, the doctor to give a discount of, say, 25 per cent. on amounts so paid, and examine candidates for a fee of 2s 6d. Throughout, the patient will be the person liable, the lodge making the payment on his behalf.

BOMBALA, Thursday.

The local branches of the Grand United and Manchester Unity lodges have unanimously decided not to accept the B.M.A. agreement with their doctor, and are inviting applications for a qualified man in the Sydney and Melbourne papers.

BYRON BAY, Thursday.

So far no agreement has been arrived at between the local friendly societies and the local doctor. The new B.M.A. agreement has been rejected.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The Friendly Society delegates of Grafton and South Grafton have recommended their respective lodges not to sign the new B.M.A. agreement, but to advertise for two medical officers to take up the positions.

NYNGAN, Thursday.

The Nyngan lodge has rejected the B.M.A. agreement.

SCARLET FEVER.

OUTBREAK AT LAKEMBA.

Complaints have been made by a resident of Lakemba regarding what he alleges to be the neglect of the Health Department with regard to an outbreak of scarlet fever in his family. The family numbers nine in all. Two of the children are ill with fever, and he applied to the department for the use of an ambulance to convey them to the Coast Hospital, but was told that the vehicles were too heavily taxed, and he would have to get a conveyance himself and take the sufferers to the hospital. He also makes complaints with regard to the sanitation of Lakemba.

Commenting upon the statements, Dr. Armstrong said that he was certain if an ambulance had been available one would have been sent. In any case, there should not have been any trouble for the parents to obtain a vehicle to remove the suffering children to the hospital. That was one of the first things that should have been done to prevent the disease from spreading in the family. With regard to the remarks respecting sanitation, it appeared to him that they were extremely vague and indefinite. If pans remained unemptied for a fortnight it was the householder's duty to bring the matter under the notice of the local authority, and so prevent any such carelessness in the future.

A correspondent suggests that the Postal Department should introduce a machine to perforate the postage stamp sheets so that the individual stamps could be torn apart without difficulty. He complains that the perforating is now done in such a manner that it is difficult to separate the stamps without tearing them.

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NORTHERN AREA.

Due to widespread monsoonal activity over the eastern half of Australia, splendid rains have occurred in the Territory, in Queensland, and the northern half of New South Wales.

As far as parts of New South Wales are concerned, some of the falls exceed even the monthly totals as far back as June last. This was the case at Byrock, which reported 165 points yesterday morning, and also at Cannonbar and Nyngan (on the central-western plain), with 118 points and 92 points respectively. An idea of the nature and extent of the rain in New South Wales may be gained from the following statement of the chief amounts in the various subdivisions so far affected.

In western division: Byrock 165, Angledool 88, Tilpa 68, Bourke 62, and Enngonia 66.

On N.W. Plain: Wee Waa had 91 points, Boggabilla 75, Gulargambone 63, Mungindi 61, and Bellata 58.

On Central W. Plain: Cannonbar 118, Nyngan 92, Warren 71, Quambone 75, Girilambone 70, Coonamble 60, and Gilgandra 50.

On N.W. Slopes: Gunnedah 170, Werris Creek 169, Quirindi 100, Nundle 76, Tamworth 70 Bendemeer 59, and Manilla 50.

On Central W. Slopes: Coonabarabran 65, Coolah 32, Molong 28, and Dubbo and Wellington each 25.

N. Tablelands: Walcha 57 and Uralla 50.

On Central Tablelands: Ryistone 45, Hill End 44, Mudgee 41, Gulgong 34, and Cassilis 32.

In the Hunter and Manning District the largest fall was 73 points, the remainder being mostly light, although several exceeded the quarter inch. Scone had 36 points, Merriwa 33, and Muswellbrook 26.

This was all the rain received in New South Wales up to 9 a.m. yesterday, excepting for some very light amounts in the metropolitan area, viz., Windsor 7, Kurrajong 6, Parramatta 4, and Hunter's Hill, Marrickville, Penrith, and Sydney each 2 points.

It is still cloudy to overcast and unsettled generally, with showers or light to steady rain at many places over the northern half of the State.

In Queensland light to heavy rain has been recorded, with thunder, in all divisions, being fairly general, except in Maranoa Downs and on the south coast. The chief amounts advised were—Bolion (in Warrego) 117 points, Rainfall 311, Woodstock 200, Claremont 144, Clare 126, West Leichhardt 104, Portland 88, Bowen 136, Rockhampton 149, St. Lawrence 178, and Cunnamulla 79.

In the State yesterday it was still cloudy to overcast and unsettled generally, and raining here and there in the western and southern districts.

In South Australia light rain was recorded at a few places in the north and north-east, and scattered light to heavy in the Territory. Darwin had 160 points, Alice Springs 62, Charlotte Waters 50, and Daly Waters 15.

The temperature has been uniformly warm and sultry generally in New South Wales, and elsewhere over Australia only a few places report readings over 100deg. The highest were:—Cue, 105deg.; and Yalgoo, Peak Hill, and Hamelin Pool, each 103deg.; and Hall's Creek and Donor's Hill, each 102deg.

STATION REPORTS.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., have received the following telegraphic advices of rain:—Amby Downs Station, Mitchell, Queensland: Head Station, 50 points, 5th inst.; 61 points 12th inst. Warbreccan Station, Stonehenge, Queensland: Good storm, 13th, at Head station, 110 points.

BARRABA.—After a protracted spell of dry weather, rain fell intermittently during Wednesday, 29 points being recorded. Many residents have been using hard river water for domestic purposes.

COBAR.—Soaking rain fell on Wednesday night, 62 points being recorded. The fall was much heavier towards Wilcannia. The Occidental mine caught 8ft, and the town reservoir 1ft, making 2ft 6in. The Great Cobar received about three months' water. As the Great Cobar, Occidental, and town supplies were nearly exhausted, the fall was very opportune, relieving a serious situation.

GULARGAMBONE.—Steady rain commenced to fall throughout Wednesday night, continuing up to about noon the following day, an inch being registered. This will be of incalculable benefit to the watering-places throughout the country, as well as stimulating the growth of grass.

JONES ISLAND.—Steady rain set in on Thursday morning. It was badly needed for the crops.

MUSWELLBROOK.—Light, steady rain set in early on Thursday morning, and continued until 4 o'clock, 70 points being registered yesterday. The house tanks were replenished, and young corn and pumpkin plants were refreshed, but not sufficient rain fell to affect beneficially the pastures. It will need to be quickly followed by a further downpour.

SINGLETON.—Welcome break in the dry spell occurred with rain on Tuesday morning. Showers fell throughout the day, and 64 points were registered. The weather is still unsettled. The district has been in a serious state. Maize and the late wheat crops are stunted owing to lack of moisture. Grass and herbage had given out in most parts. The rain will do a great deal of good.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

DR. KELLY'S PLEA.

EVIL SPIRITS ON THE PRESS.

Archbishop Kelly made further reference to the education question after he had presented the prizes to the successful pupils at St. Joseph's Poor School, William-street, on Wednesday.

They must have Catholic schools to hand down their truths. The opinion of the public had been satray. The Catholics agreed that the best secular schools were needed. What was the matter with the Australians? Since the reign of Constantine Catholic schools had sprung up, and had been the medium for carrying civilisation to the barbarians. Why was it that the Catholic schools were penalised? Evil spirits were about, and he would say half in earnest that the evil spirits had the possession of the newspapers.

LIBERALS AND REFORM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The serious reverse that the Liberals have suffered at these elections makes one anxiously ask, what is wrong with the Liberal cause? This question is being pertinently asked in many places. Liberalism in Australia, instead of confidently going forward, with giant stride, appears to stumble and fall at every turning. A few short years ago Liberalism was in a majority of 12 in this State, but since, at every appeal to the people, that majority has been reduced, and instead of having a majority, Liberalism is in a minority of 10. This is not reassuring. It means that, if this condition is to obtain, then in a very few years the cause of Liberalism will be extinct. It is no use shutting our eyes to the facts.

If the cause of Liberalism is to flourish, then something must be done, and done quickly, to strengthen it. It seems imperative that an advanced Liberal and Reform movement should be agitated for without delay, otherwise Liberalism will pass away from the land. This onward march of the class battalions of the enemy must be arrested. But apparently Liberalism, with its present debilitated forces and methods, will not accomplish this.

Contrasted with Labour, Liberalism seems to lack a deep enthusiasm. There seems no fire and guiding principles to inspire and encourage it to sustained effort. The labouring man in voting his ticket on a polling day, votes it reflexionally, thinking it will benefit him personally. The Liberal voter has not the same feeling of certainty. The Liberal voter lacks the enthusiasm of the Labourite. He has no battle-cry, no shield, nor no ammunition. He appears ill-conditioned, badly organised, and lacking in leadership. Liberalism walks in chains. There is no hint of a free and virile manhood, with a definite goal in view. The rock on which Liberalism stands seems insecure. The Liberal army is weak in the sight of the enemy. If it has to come back again, new ideas, new men, and new methods will need to galvanise it to action.

It needs a thorough overhauling. There is an unmistakable cry for reform of the whole Liberal party. Liberalism will have to march with the times or step out of the race. Young men will be needed to carry its banner.

Meetings should be held at every centre for the purpose of organising, not spasmodically, as is now done, but continuously and persistently. Out of the ashes of old Liberalism a new and advanced Liberalism must arise. Reform and reorganisation of the present methods must be the agitation, and this agitation should spread like another Kyabram. The sooner the better.

I am, etc.,
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BIRTHS.

BARNES.—On the 15th, at Randwick, the wife of F. L. Barnes, of a son.

BARNES.—At Manicona Private Hospital, Paddington, the wife of C. Wagner, Manicona, Ba, Fiji—a son.

MARRIAGES.

GOUVERNET—SAYERS.—December 10, at St. George's, Glenmore-road, Paddington, by Rev. R. O. Thold, Andrew G., eldest son of the late Mr. John and Mrs. Gouvernet, of Camperdown, Armidale, to Katie L. Sayers, seventh daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sayers, Birrell-street, Waverley.

DEATHS.

BAHR.—December 17, at her son's residence, 51 Wentworth-street, Tempe, Johanna Helena, beloved mother of Victor and Nellie Bahr, aged 70 years and 8 months. At rest.

BAHR.—December 17, at 51 Wentworth-street, Tempe, Johanna Helena, dearly loved sister of Mrs. W. Gantery, Tamworth.

CARTAAR.—December 18, at her residence, 199 Barcom-avenue, Darlinghurst, Isabella Agnes Cartaar, wife of the late Alfred Cartaar, after a long illness.

COLE.—December 17, at Mount Victoria, James Pringle Cole, late Balmain, member Amalgamated Society Engineers and City Tattersall's Club. Funeral Mount Victoria Cemetery, This Friday, 3 p.m.

EINFELD.—December 17, Pearl, the beloved daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Einfeld, aged 2 years and 10 months. Interred at Rookwood yesterday. Mizpah every night, at 8, 634 Bowling-street, Moore Park.

GRIFFIN.—December 18, 1913, at his residence, Bayldance, Ivanhoe-street, Marrickville, Alfred Griffin, late of Maitland and Newcastle, aged 85 years.

HICKEY.—December 18, at Quambi, Old Canterbury-road, Lewisham, Johanna, beloved wife of Thomas Hickey, aged 71 years. R.I.P. Bathurst papers please copy.

JONES.—December 18, 1913, at her late residence, 105 Holt-avenue, Mosman, Elizabeth, relict of the late James Jones, sen., in her 83rd year.

LUPTON.—December 17, 1913, at her parents' residence, Rosebank, Botany-road, Botany, Lily Beveridge, beloved daughter of the late Frank and Mrs. Catherine Lupton. R.I.P. By request, no flowers.

McGUIGHAN.—December 18, at Manly Cottage Hospital, Bridget Theresa, dearly beloved wife of Daniel McGuigan (late of Petersham), aged 64 years. R.I.P.

MURPHY.—December 18, at Glebe, Rose Lilian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Murphy, of Cleveland-street High School, aged 2 years.

WILLIAMS.—December 17, 1913, at Renwick Hospital, Thomas-street, city, Alfred Frederick John Williams, dearly-loved infant son of Frederick and Annie Williams, of 99 Chapel-street, Marrickville, aged 2 months. A bud in Heaven.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRAHILL.—In loving memory of John Joseph Arahill, who died on the 15th of December, 1912. Inserted by his loving parents and brothers. R.I.P.

BRIDGMAN.—In loving memory of our dear Auntie Elizabeth, who departed this life December 19, 1912. Inserted by her loving niece and nephew, Maud and Williams Evans.

BRIGHT.—In loving memory of my fond wife and our dear mother, Isabella Bright (Burwood), who passed away December 19th, 1908.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
Life's weary pain and sufferings all past.
Peace, perfect peace.
Inserted by her loving husband and her dear sons and daughters and sons-in-law; also her dear sister, A. Tucker.

BROMLEY.—In loving memory of our dear father, William Bromley, who departed this life December 19th, 1888.
When God called father away that morn
Our hearts felt sad and chilled,
The vacant place he left that morn
Can never be filled.
Inserted by his loving son, John, and daughter-in-law, Lily.

CHAPMAN.—In memory of our dear daughter and sister, Elodie Wilhelmine (Tommy) Chapman, who was accidentally killed in Cleveland-street on December 19th, 1909.
A sudden change, at God's command she fell,
The summons came without a warning given,
That built her haste to meet her God in heaven.
Inserted by her loving father and mother, brother and sisters.

CHAPMAN.—In fond and loving memory of our dear niece and cousin, Elodie W., who died on December 19th, 1909, through injuries received by being knocked down by a tram in Cleveland-street. Inserted by her uncle and aunt, Jack and Fanny Born, and Jack Born, jun.

CRONBERG.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Honora Cronberg, who departed this life December 19th, 1911.
You are not forgotten, mother dear,
Nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory lasts
We will remember thee.
Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, and daughter and son-in-law, Tom and Mary Cronberg, and Helena and Thomas Boylan. R.I.P.

CRONBERG.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Honora Cronberg, who departed from us 19th December, 1911.
We who loved her sadly miss her,
Though we knew that He knew best
When He eased her pain and sufferings,
And took our dear mother home to rest.
Inserted by her loving sons, John and Joseph. R.I.P.

CRONBERG.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Honora Cronberg, who departed from us 19th December, 1911.
Two years have passed, our hearts still sore,
As time goes on we miss her more;
Your loving smile, your dear, sweet face,
There is no one can fill dear mother's place.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, T. and A. Morris. R.I.P.

JOHNSON.—In sad but ever-loving memory of my darling mother, Mary Johnson, who departed this life December 19, 1911, at Kendell-street, Clyde, aged 60 years.
Could I have been there in that hour of death,
To have caught the last sigh of her fleeting breath,
Her last faint whisper I might have heard,
And pressed on her cheek one parting kiss.
Inserted by her loving son, Fred. Johnson.

JOHNSON.—In true and everlasting memory of our loving mother, Mary Johnson, who died at Clyde, December 19, 1911, aged 60 years.
Peacefully sleeping.
Inserted by her loving son, Tom, and daughter-in-law, Louie Collingwood, Melbourne.

JOHNSON.—In ever-loving memory of my dear friend, Mrs. Johnson, who passed away peacefully December 19, 1911, aged 60 years.
In life we were friends warm and true,
Till death our bond did sever;
But I hope to meet her in heaven above,
And there renew our friendship for ever.
Inserted by her ever-loving friend, Mrs. Frame, sen., Clyde.

JOHNSON.—In sad but loving memory of John Johnson, who died at Bondi December 19, 1911. Inserted by his sorrowing wife. Gone, but not forgotten.

LINCOLN.—In memory of our loving sister, Ettie Lincoln, who died December 19th, 1909, aged 17 years. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Violet and Samuel Deeble, also her sister Pearl.

LITTLEJOHN.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, who departed this life at Newtown, December 19th, 1909. Inserted by her loving husband and children, Albert, Alma, Arthur, and Emily Littlejohn.

LITTLEJOHN.—In loving memory of our darling sister, who departed this life at Newtown, December 19th, 1909. Inserted by her sister and brother-in-law, Susan and James Knowles.

LITTLEJOHN.—In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Emily Littlejohn, who departed this life December 19, 1909. Inserted by her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and family.

McHALE.—In loving memory of our dear father, David McHale, who departed this life on the 19th December, 1901, at 22 Prospect-street, Paddington. Sweet Jesus have mercy on his soul. Inserted by his loving children and grandchildren.

McHALE.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, David McHale, who departed this life on the 19th December, 1901. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. C. Cameron and family, Queensland.

McROBERTS.—In sad but loving memory of our dear cousin, Muriel McRoberts (Billie), who died 19th December, 1912. Sadly missed. Gladys and Nea Cohen.

MOLRIE.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear mother and grandmother, Bridget Morris, who passed away on December 19, 1909, aged 64. R.I.P.
Your memory is as dear to-day
As in the hour you passed away.
Inserted by her loving daughter, C. Walker, and granddaughter, Ruby and Marie.

NELSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, who departed this life December 19, 1912.
As the ivy clings to the oak,
So will our memory cling to thee.
Inserted by his loving wife and children.

OSBORNE.—In fond remembrance of my dear father, William Henry Bloomfield, who departed this life on December 19, 1912. Inserted by his daughter.

PARKER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, who passed away on December 19, 1912.
I have lost my soul's companion,
A life linked with my own;
Day by day I miss his footsteps
As I wander on alone.
One year ago, no tongue can tell
How anxiously I stood
Beside my darling husband's bed
To keep him if I could.
But God, our Father, loved him best,
And quietly took him home.
Inserted by his fond and loving wife, Rebecca Parker.

PARSONAGE.—Sacred to the memory of our dear mother and sister Polly, who passed on to the higher life, December 19, 1911, November 17, 1912. Nearer to God, to thee.
Over the river, faces I see,
Fair as the morning, looking for me.
Freed from all sorrow, grief, and despair,
Safe with the Saviour, anchored up there.
Inserted by M. R. F. P.

PARSONAGE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Kate, who departed this life December 19, 1911, aged 72 years.
Away in a lonely grave,
Beneath a lonely sod,
There lies our dear mother,
Resting in peace with God.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Richard and Kittie Carfoot.

PARSONAGE.—In loving memory of our dearly-loved mother and grandma, Catherine Parsonage, who passed away December 19, 1911, aged 73 years.
Two years have passed,
Our hearts still ache;
As years roll on
Dear mother, we miss you more.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren, Annie and Maurice Fitzgerald.

PARSONAGE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Catherine Parsonage, who departed this life December 19th, 1911, aged 73 years.
After years of life together,
We are parted now by death;
But we hope some day to meet you
In heaven, dear mother, where all find rest.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Eva and Bert Mitchell.

PHILLIPS.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Percival C. J., accidentally killed by train, at Kogarah, December 19, 1910, aged 5 years and 9 months.
The little one has left us now,
The little clothes laid by,
A mother's hope, a father's joy,
In death's cold arms doth lie.
Two little feet have gone the way,
To a home beyond the skies,
And our hearts are like the cradle that contains
When a strain of music dies.
Inserted by his loving mother and father, sisters, Elvina, Ruby, Jean, and only brother, Harold.

STORGRAN.—In loving memory of my dear uncle, who departed this life December 19, 1911; also the dearly beloved father Andrew Houlston, who died 20th December, 1908. Dead, but not forgotten.
Inserted by his loving niece and daughter.

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IN MEMORIAM.

TIERNEY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Ethel May Tierney, who died 19th December, 1911.
Immaculate heart of Mary, your prayers for her extol;
O sacred heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul.
Inserted by her loving mother and sisters and brothers.
M. F. Fawcett and A. W. Hoben.

WHYMARK.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Louisa Frances Whymark, who departed this life 18th December, 1909.

WILLIAMS.—In sad but loving memory of my dearly beloved husband and our daddy, Sydney Harcourt, who passed away suddenly at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, December 19, 1912, aged 34 years.
The shock was bitter, the loss severe,
To part with him I loved so dear.
It was God's will it should be so,
By His command we all must go.
Friends may think the wound is healed;
That could be because they cannot see the sorrow within my heart concealed.
I loved him, yes, no tongue can tell,
How deep, how dearly, and how well,
What happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still,
But you have left an aching heart
This world can never fill.
Inserted by his sorrowing and lonely wife, Lora Williams.

WILLIAMS.—In loving remembrance of my dear son and our dear brother, Sydney Harcourt, who died December 19, 1912. Inserted by his loving mother, brother, and sister-in-law, Richard and Millie Williams.

WILLIAMS.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved son and brother, Sydney Harcourt Williams, who departed this life November 19, 1912. Inserted by his loving mother, M. Williams, and sister, May Smith.

WILLIAMS.—In loving and fond memory of our dear son-in-law and brother-in-law, Sydney Harcourt, who departed this life December 19th, 1912, aged 34 years.
A sudden change, at God's command he fell,
He had not time to bid his friends farewell.
The summons came without a warning given,
That bade him haste to meet his God in heaven.
Inserted by his fond mother-in-law, sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law, Florence, Ethel, Maud, Cecil, Leslie, Bert.

WILLIAMS.—In loving memory of our brother-in-law, Sydney Harcourt, who departed this life December 19, 1912, aged 34 years.
Gone from our midst and this world of strife,
Gone to a happier, brighter life.
Inserted by his fond sister-in-law and brother-in-law, D. and I. Harrison, Glebe-road, Glebe.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. JAMES HANSEN, Nun-street, Granville, desires to tender his sincere THANKS to his many kind relatives and friends for their kind sympathy, cards, letters, and floral tributes during his recent sad bereavement.

The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1913.

WHICH IS THE COUNTRY PARTY?

We referred yesterday to the importance of strengthening the hands of the direct representatives of rural interests in the Legislative Assembly by an emphatic vote for the Liberal candidate in each of the five country electorates where a second ballot is to be held to-morrow. A more detailed analysis of the present representation by the two parties will emphasise the point which we made, and again urge upon every farmer and the electors generally who are interested in safeguarding the welfare of the country districts, viz., that the Labour party of this State is essentially a city party. It draws its support to an increasing extent from dwellers in urban constituencies; it is dependent upon the Trades Hall, which is dominated by city workers. Whereas at the dissolution the Labour party held 20 seats outside the metropolis, it now has only 24, although its total is already two larger than in the last Parliament. But of these 24 seats, ten are essentially mining constituencies, namely, Cessnock, Cobar, Hartley, Kahibah, Newcastle, Sturt, Wallsend, Wickham, Willyama, and Wollongong. Moreover, Macquarie certainly, and Namoi probably, would not have been won by the Labour candidates without the aid of the mining vote in these electorates. So that the rural seats proper represented by Labour are reduced to twelve. And of these, no fewer than eight (Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Burrangong, Lachlan, Castlereagh, Mudgee, Murray, and Murrumbidgee) could have been won for Liberalism if less than 2500 additional Liberal votes had been cast. Already 21 country seats are represented by Liberals, as against 12 held by Labour.

Which, then, is the Country party of this State? Surely the electors of Albury, Bega, Bingara, Raleigh, and Tamworth must realise that in any conflict of interests between the country and the city the Labour party will not be disposed to favour those of the country. Do they wish to strengthen a Government which, whatever direction their vote may take on Saturday, will inevitably satisfy the demands of its paymasters and supporters in the metropolis and mining centres. Mr. Holman has spoken, with his customary grandiloquent disingenuousness, of the building of railway lines by the Labour Government which tend in the direction of decentralisation towards the ports of this State and the borders of other States. Many sods have been turned by Mr. Griffith and other Ministers during the past three years. But it still remains true that not a single new line was initiated and completed by the Labour Government during their three years of office. And which is likely to receive more consideration at the hands of the Labour Caucus—the need of a railway line to Port Stephens or the claims of Newcastle? Mr. Holman, however prudent he may be at the Treasury, will have to face many financial difficulties. When it comes to the point of choice, which are likely to receive preference at the hands of the Labour party—the special interests of the twenty-four metropolitan and twelve mining seats, or the needs of the twelve rural seats which are represented by Labour? We still maintain that there is no real inherent antagonism between the interests of city and country—they are both irrevocably interwoven and interdependent. But it is desirable that the electors in the five constituencies which are to vote to-morrow should clearly appreciate whence the sanction for Labour rule really comes. If country electors do not wish to add still further to the strength of the "City party" in Parliament, they will vote solidly for the Liberal candidate, who in each case will support the party which stands above all things for the real interests of rural New South Wales.

THE SUGAR COMMISSION.

The decision of the Privy Council in the now famous Sugar Commission case has finally settled a stubbornly-fought conflict which involved issues of considerable importance. In 1911 the Federal Parliament appointed a Commission to inquire into various questions connected with the sugar industry of Australia. In the course of its proceedings the Commission summoned a director of the C.S.R. Company to answer certain questions, and to produce certain documents relating to the business of that concern. The director refused, and soon afterwards the new Royal Commissions Act of 1912 came into force, under which the Commission was reappointed with an enlarged scope of inquiry. The C.S.R. Company still remained obdurate, and after one of its directors had been prosecuted and fined for his failure to give evidence, it retaliated by bringing an action against the Commission for a declaration that the Acts to which the latter owed its powers were ultra vires. The case was argued at length before the High Court, and the Bench was divided. Two Judges held that the Acts of 1902 and 1912 were intra vires, and that the Commissioners were within their rights in exercising the powers conferred upon them, and in penalising recalcitrant witnesses. Two Judges held that while the Acts were intra vires, the particular questions were not, and hence that the C.S.R. Company was entitled to refuse to answer these questions. Sir Samuel Griffith, as is provided by the Constitution for such contingencies, had a casting vote, and gave it in favour of the plaintiffs. The judgments in effect was that while the Commonwealth Parliament may pass laws compelling persons to give evidence on matters over which the Commonwealth has already jurisdiction, it cannot do so when the matters are outside the present sphere of its legislation, and when the information desired is sought in view of a possible amendment of the Constitution by which the area of its jurisdiction may be extended. That is to say, in its own department the Commonwealth can do what it likes, but it cannot make a Commission a device for obtaining material which may be used as an argument for obtaining wider powers in the future.

The Commonwealth appealed, and this verdict is the result. Lord Haldane, in delivering the collective judgment of the Privy Council, reiterated the opinions of Sir Samuel Griffith and Sir Edmund Barton. A sine qua non to the Commonwealth Parliament authorising inquiries of this nature is that the existing powers of the Commonwealth Parliament enable it to legislate upon the matters concerned. It may not appoint a Commission as a sort of fishing expedition, despatched to forbidden waters, in order to discover reasons by which the people of Australia may be persuaded to remove the restriction. As far as can be ascertained from the cabled report of the judgment, their Lordships did not feel themselves called upon to decide any great ethical principle of jurisprudence; the case resolved itself into the interpretation of a statute. But apart from legal considerations altogether, their judgment seems to assert a very reasonable doctrine, and that is that a witness before a Commission shall not be forced to disclose his private business affairs where the disclosure is utterly irrelevant for legislative or judicial purposes, as distinct from political purposes. If the C.S.R. Company had answered every question and produced every ledger, what would have happened as far as the Commonwealth Parliament was concerned? Nothing; for if it had not jurisdiction to legislate, no "revelations" from the Sugar Company would have enabled it to do so. Then, why did it seek this information? It was from sheer curiosity. This may be stating the case in bald terms, but this is what it amounts to. The Commonwealth Parliament had no power to interfere, but it was anxious for a pretext for interference. It felt that if it could equip itself with an armoury of facts and figures it might persuade the elector to give it the jurisdiction it wished. However, desire outran discretion. Its position was natural enough; certain functions were ultra vires; it wished to bring them intra vires, but it tried to do so by means which the final court of appeal has held to be unconstitutional.

THE WHEAT HARVEST.

All the indications go to show that this year we shall be blessed with a phenomenal wheat yield. In spite of all the difficulties of dry country with which the farmer has to contend, the wheat production rises steadily, and it is little short of a miracle that so much should have been accomplished. – A decade or two ago wheat-farming in Australia was almost a negligible quantity, but recent progress has proved that there was no reason why that should be so. One outstanding feature of the present season has been the large amount of experimental work that has been done. Farmers have learned to recognise the value of State farms in this respect; and in consequence the work of these places so long regarded as of merely theoretical interest, has progressed by leaps and bounds, very much to the advantage of all the districts concerned. The improvement of the wheat yield is directly proportional to the scientific knowledge of crops that is available, and it is a very encouraging sign that farmers now generally recognise the value of the experimental farm, and are willing to take full advantage of the lessons it can teach. The improvement in the harvest is, no doubt, largely due to the good seasons that have been enjoyed; but it is also due to the employment of more scientific methods, and to the use of a grain that has proved to be particularly suited to the district concerned. As a result we find the forecast from all quarters more encouraging than ever; and that not only in our own State, but in others also. South Australia, for instance, is able to issue a glowing forecast. The area under wheat has noticeably increased, and the yield is all that could be wished. The average per acre is, of course, not very high; nor can it be expected to be so. But with economic and improved farming methods it is quite high enough to be worth while; and that applies to the industry in general. It is quite clear that the farmer can successfully combat the worst of climatic conditions, if only he is well advised, and has the sense to profit by the advice that is given him. That he is ready to do so, and that he sends his sons to profit more fully by the facilities for agricultural education now available in every State is one of the most encouraging signs for the future.

Our own State has been exceptionally fortunate in the harvest. Most districts are able to report a yield beyond expectation; and harvesting is now so far advanced that the speculative element is almost absent from calculations. The yield in many places has been very heavy, and even in the least favoured localities it has been rather above than below the average. But this abundance of output brings with it the usual complaint of the want of transit facilities. In our own wheat-growing areas the complaint of shortage of trucks is again almost universal, and it is plain that the handling of wheat is no nearer an effective solution than it has been any time during the last decade. We might very well learn a lesson in this respect from the splendid transport facilities provided by the great Canadian railway corporations. We gave some figures the other day as to what these lines accomplish, and it is an object lesson in effective handling. When we read of some seventy million bushels being shifted in a couple of months we are inclined to despair of our own inefficient service. That is about twice as much as our railways carry in a year. There is no possible excuse for this annually recurring complaint as to deficient haulage. If a private corporation can meet any demands made upon it, surely a State railway, with its infinitely better position, and its monopoly of transport, could do the same. The secret, of course, lies in keeping the track and the rolling stock thoroughly up to date, and in providing elevators and grain trucks. What is the use of a district producing first-class grain if it has to suffer the shipper? Our facilities for handling the grain at the port of embarkation are also grossly inadequate. Darling Harbour is just now overwhelmed with wheat shipments, and the opportunities of getting them away fall far short of requirements. Certainly the wheat has arrived rather earlier than was anticipated from the experience of last year; but there is very little excuse in that these things ought to be foreseen, and until we learn to foresee them the wheat-grower is called upon to bear a handicap he certainly should not have to suffer.

A WARNING.

If the State Government, now that it has been returned again to power in a time of difficult finance, wishes to do all the useful work that it can at a minimum of cost, it will find no difficulty in its search for suitable projects. There are numbers of useful measures, some of them even urgent, which may be taken in hand without committing the State to any expenditure at all. Greater Sydney will cost practically nothing—nothing, at any rate, in comparison with the enormous economies which will be secured. And another measure most closely associated with that one, and most urgent, and quite without expense to the State, is a modern Building Act. We suppose that the reason why Sydney has been left lacking of the ordinary machinery of twentieth century city government is that no votes in particular were to be gained by providing it. There is very little credit to be gained out of Building Acts or a Greater Sydney Act until the electors have actually seen them for some time in operation. Any number of warnings as to what might, and surely some day will, happen are not sufficient to raise a great public movement in favour of proper building regulations any more than they have sufficed to bring into existence the North Shore Bridge. The Sydney Building Act, like the North Shore Bridge, will come into existence just so soon as there swoops upon the city some calamity sufficient to sweep any Government from office.

We have had scores of warnings of the disaster which must some day happen off Milson's Point. When Sydney stares down aghast upon several hundreds of men, women, and children struggling in the water of the harbour, that day's work will break any Government, and ought, if they have any conscience at all, to break the heart of those whose negligence is responsible for it. Then, and not till then, will the people, whom we force to use the ferries, get their North Shore Bridge. And in the same way, it is not until the Sydney crowd has seen one of its tall buildings caught by fire in the day time, and the inmates of some of the upper floors burned to death before its eyes, that our somnolent Ministries will give this city its Building Act. Sydney people when they read of the terrible results of fires in New York or other American cities are apt to lay aside the newspaper with a certain amount of smug satisfaction, congratulating themselves that such things do not happen in this country. Let anyone who looked on at the fire near the railway station this week think what might have happened had that fire occurred on a lower floor, and in the day time. We, who complacently pride ourselves on our freedom from these American tragedies, have no Building Act to approach or compare in thoroughness with regulations in up-to-date cities. We have no provision of fire-proof shutters, wire-glass windows, high-pressure water supply, complete elimination of wood from doors, floors, windows, and fittings, such as is enforced in New York. Against the iron fire-escapes that scar the outside of every building in Chicago we can only set the wooden staircases of our new Oxford-street shops. We are as ready to despise the precautions enforced in American buildings as we were to talk about the "Jungle" in the Chicago stockyards. Anyone acquainted with the facts knows that we do not yet possess a system to compare in efficiency with either of them.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

Who Are You?—In yesterday's "Herald" Archbishop Kelly was reported as having said regarding Sir Gerald Strickland's eulogy of State education:—"The present Governor is a man of much ability and foresight. His ideas would not be right at all. In reply to one of the Apostles there arose the question of driving out the evil spirit from a person possessed. A false prophet tried to drive it out, whereupon the afflicted man said, 'Christ I know, and Paul I know—but who are you?' Well, I say to the State Governor—'Who are you?' The State has no education to give. It would be a great misfortune if any incapable public institution be entrusted with the work of education. I do not say his Excellency meant that, but that is how I understand it. The State was made for other purposes than the education of children." Yesterday Archbishop Kelly explained that he did not apply the question "Who are you?" to the State Governor, but to the State as an educator, and that he expressly guarded against any apparent rudeness to his Excellency.

Birds on Lord Howe Island.—An Arcadian existence is led by the inhabitants of Lord Howe Island, who are noted for the extreme kindliness of their dispositions and for the simplicity of their lives. An example of the former characteristic was given by Mr. W. W. Froggatt, Government Entomologist at the annual meeting of the Gould League of Bird Lovers yesterday. Mr. Froggatt said that during his recent visit to the island he had been struck with the remarkable tameness of the birds with which the bush abounded. As one walked through the bush they hopped familiarly around, gaily chirping their little songs of welcome. They would actually feed out of one's hands. This was because they were never molested, and to the islanders it seemed nothing out of the common that the birds should be as free, homely, and satisfied as themselves. The throwing of a stone at a bird in the island would be regarded as an awful offence. Recently a collector who had obtained 1200 specimens of birds on Norfolk Island had gone to Lord Howe Island for a similar purpose, but the residents, who were later on backed up by the Government, had prevented the "massacre" from taking place.

A Dish of Larks.—"Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie" was, according to the nursery rhyme, once considered a dainty dish to set before a king. Blackbirds do not nowadays figure on royal menus, but larks are still served in Continental restaurants, and are esteemed in Belgium at all events as a delicacy. "I had a horrible experience in Brussels," Mr. J. Dawson, chief inspector of schools, told the Gould League of Bird Lovers at their annual meeting yesterday. "At the hotel at which I was staying a dish was placed before me, and though it contained two articles very like small birds, I thought at first they were specimens of the chef's art, and were not what they seemed. So I cut one, and you can imagine my feelings when I found that they really were birds. I called the waiter and said, 'What are these?' 'Larks, sir,' he answered. 'Then take them away,' I demanded, 'for no Englishman worth his salt would eat one of those sweet songsters.'"

The Makura's Departure.—Friends of the passengers who sailed last evening by the Makura for Vancouver, via ports, had to take leave of them at the foot of Margaret-street, no one but the passengers being allowed in the shed or on the wharf. Thus the liner went away without the usual flutter of handkerchiefs and streamers from ship to shore. This action was taken by the company in order to guard against the possibility of trouble with the crew, and to avoid any risk of a demonstration, such as took place after the Manuka's departure last Monday.

Christmas Season Shopping.—It is notified by the Master Retailers' Association that the establishments owned by members of the association will, in addition to the ordinary hours, be open as follows:—Wednesday, December 24, till 10 p.m.; Saturday, December 27, till 6 p.m.; Wednesday, December 31, till 10 p.m.; Friday, January 2, 1914, till 10 p.m.; Saturday, January 3, till 6 p.m.

Shorthand Speed Record.—The shorthand speed record for the British Empire of 250 words per minute, which was established by Mr. G. W. Bunbury, in Dublin, in 1894, was equalled yesterday by a Melbourne stenographer, Mr. George Brown. Mr. George Brown, who is a graduate of Stott and Underwood's Business College, Melbourne, gained a 200 words per minute in 1910, and yesterday was able to pass a test at 250 words per minute.

A SLOW VOYAGE.

The four-masted barque Paul, after being out 100 days from Tacoma, arrived safely yesterday morning. The vessel brought two million feet of timber. Captain Kruzer explained that his long voyage was due to calms, which lasted on and off for over five weeks and when the wind did spring up it was invariably from the wrong quarter.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Denison Miller, governor of the Commonwealth Bank, arrived in Sydney yesterday, after paying visits to the chief centres of Victoria and South Australia and to Broken Hill.

Alderman G. F. Hocking, Mayor of Canterbury, was presented with a photograph and an address to mark the success of the ball given by him to a number of local residents.

Mr. Frederick White, a partner in the firm of Messrs. R. Towns and Co., was taken suddenly ill from appendicitis on Tuesday morning. He was operated on the same afternoon, and he is progressing.

Mr. W. Finigan, one of the teachers at the Intermediate High School in Cleveland-street, who is honorary secretary of the New South Wales Gould League of Bird Lovers, was yesterday presented with a souvenir by the council of that organisation in recognition of his services since its inauguration three years ago. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Dawson, Chief Inspector of Schools, the speakers including Messrs. Berman (president of the Public School Teachers' Association), and W. W. Froggatt (Government Entomologist).

Madame Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rumford will arrive this morning from Melbourne by the limited express. They will leave Sydney for America by the R.M.S. Tahiti on December 27.

Mr. Fred Baker (of Messrs Noyes Bros., Sydney, Ltd.,), who has been chairman of directors of the Sydney Clerks' and Warehousemen's Benefit Association for over seven years, and has been compelled, on account of ill-health, to relinquish the position, was, at the last meeting of the directors, presented with a gold watch and a silver tea and coffee service by the present chairman of directors (Mr. Jas. Smith) on behalf of the members and directors of the association.

Mr. George Rae, a well-known Bendigo (Vic.) sharebroker, was a passenger by the Orontes from Melbourne yesterday.

Mr. F. W. J. Donovan, president of the United Liberty League, was entertained by the members of the Ryde branch, of which he is also president, at a dinner at Pennant Hills, on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Arthur Leplastrier, of Arthur Leplastrier and Co., accompanied by his family, returned to Sydney yesterday by the R.M.S. Orontes, from a tour of the world. He attended the Roads Congress in London and the Detroit (U.S.A.) Roads Congress, that opened in September last.

Among the passengers by the Sonvic, which arrived in Sydney on Tuesday morning, were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Hunt, of Johannesburg. Mr. Hunt, who is an Australian by birth, left for South Africa about sixteen years ago, and during the war saw service under Major-General Baden-Powell in Mafeking and in other places. Since then he has devoted most of his time to farming pursuits, and is at present a member of the Transvaal Provincial Council, and also an alderman of the city of Johannesburg. After renewing old acquaintances, Mr. Hunt proposes to devote some time to inquiring into matters of civic and political interest. He is a son of Mr. G. H. Hunt, ex-senior inspector of schools, and a nephew of Mr. J. C. Hunt. Mrs. Hunt is visiting Australia for the first time.

Though the Makura had on board the entire Grand Opera Company to the number of 150 people, as well as Mr. John MacCormack, Miss May Huxley, Messrs. Donald M'Beath, Vincent O'Brien, Denis M'Sweeney, and Frank Tait, she slipped from her moorings at 5 o'clock yesterday without any public demonstration. This was chiefly due to the Union Steamship Company's arrangements in view of the strike, under which only a limited number of admissions to the wharf were allowed. The Irish tenor, who stayed on shore as long as possible chatting with his wife, who leaves here by the Niagara next month to join him at Auckland for the voyage to America, made some bashful admissions as to the sacks of gold he is taking away with him in exchange for "notes issued." The gross takings of the 18 concerts in Sydney amounted to £10,000; Melbourne, £7000; Adelaide, £3000; and Brisbane, £2000. Altogether the tour stands with the most successful ever recorded in Australasia.

On Friday a farewell social was given to Miss Daley, teacher of public school at Balmoral, who is taking her extended leave of absence for long service. Mr. Badgery, M.L.A., presented her, on behalf of parents and children, with a silver stand fitted with toilet requisites.

The past and present staff of Mr. W. E. Gould, stationmaster at Petersham for the past 10 years, presented him on Tuesday with a smoker's cabinet, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of his entry into the railway service. The staff were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gould.

Mr. M. L. Moss, M.L.C. for Fremantle since 1894, is retiring from the House, and going to England. He was presented with a piece of plate yesterday afternoon by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Drew) on behal

SUGAR CASE.

RESERVED JUDGMENT.

ACTS ULTRA VIRES.

ROYAL COMMISSION POWERS.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council yesterday delivered its reserved judgment in the appeal by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth against the decision of the High Court of Australia granting an injunction on the motion of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company to restrain the Sugar Commission from compelling the directors of the company to answer specific questions.

The Lord High Chancellor, Lord Haldane, said that their Lordships were of opinion that the Royal Commissions Acts were ultra vires so far as they purported to enable a Royal Commission to compel answers and the production of documents.

"It would be sufficient," he said, "to make a declaration to that effect with liberty to apply to the High Court to enforce it by injunction or otherwise. Their Lordships, therefore, advise his Majesty that such a declaration should be made, and that such liberty to apply should be granted, and that the order of the High Court should be varied accordingly."

Their Lordships thought that the conclusion of Mr. Justice Isaacs and Mr. Justice Higgins was entitled to weight, namely, that it was impossible to pronounce in advance that questions might not prove relevant to matters which all Judges held to be proper subjects for inquiry. If the company were compelled to answer certain questions, particularly those relating to their own business, it would be a serious interference with their liberty; but their Lordships were neither at liberty nor were they competent to express an opinion regarding the policy of being so.

The question at the root of the controversy however, remained: Were the Commissions ultra vires? The burden of proof rested with those affirming that the Acts were within the Commonwealth Parliament's powers. In their Lordships' opinion, the authority over the individual sought to be established by the Commissions Acts, or the new offences created thereby, or the drastic powers conferred thereby, could not be said to be incidental to any power at present existing by statute or Common Law. The English law gave Royal Commissions no title to compel answers from witnesses. Until the Commonwealth Parliament entrusted a Royal Commission with the statutory duty to inquire into a specific subject, legislation regarding which had been assigned to the Parliament by the Federal Constitution, that Parliament could not confer such powers as the Commissions Acts contained on the footing that they were incidental to inquiries which it might some day direct to be made.

Having arrived at this conclusion their Lordships did not think that the Commissions Acts, in the form in which they stood, could, without amendment, be brought within the powers of the Commonwealth legislature.

Their Lordships hesitated to differ from the High Court Judges, particularly the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, and Mr. Justice Barton, who had special knowledge of the Australian Constitution; but the question their Lordships had decided depended simply upon the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

In their Lordships' opinion, without recrafting the Commissions Acts, it would be impossible to use them as justification for the steps contemplated by the Sugar Commission in order to make its inquiry effective.

His Lordship added that as respondents (the company) had substantially succeeded the appellants (Commonwealth Government) must pay the costs of the appeal.

A CONSCIENTIOUS TRIBUNAL.

The "Times," in a leading article dealing with the judgment, says:—"We do not know whether all colonial lawyers will agree that the Royal Commissions Acts are ultra vires; but they will see in the Privy Council's decision a sign that that tribunal is not shirking its responsibilities. An ingenious argument was based upon the suggestion that the information sought in the questions put to witnesses before the Commission might be use ful for the purpose of Constitutional alterations; but there was force of Sir Samuel Griffith's rejoinder that such a construction would virtually delete some of the most important constitutional restrictions."

The paper goes on to say: "The conflicts between the Federal and State legislatfon in the United States were fierce and heated; and Australia is fortunate in being able to settle her conflicting claims before the Privy Council."

[Our Melbourne correspondent telegraphed last night:—The Attorney-General (Mr. Irvine) said this evening:—"It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the decision of the Privy Council, although it is very difficult to follow the grounds of that decision from the cabled report. I have directed that a cable message be sent to England, asking for a fuller report of the reasons for the judgment. The sentence in the judgment—'Until the Commonwealth Parliament has entrusted a Royal Commission with the statutory duty to inquire into a specific subject, legislation regarding which has been assigned to the Parliament by the Federal Constitution, that Parliament cannot confer such powers as the Act contains on the footing that they are incidental to inquiries which it may some day direct'—if correctly reported may have consequences reaching far beyond the particular question involved in this litigation.]

HOME RULE.

SETTLEMENT EFFORTS.

LEADERS CONFER.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The "Daily Chronicle" states that Mr. Asquith has placed himself in communication with Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Bonar Law, and a preliminary survey of the ground for a free and informal exchange of views in regard to the Home Rule question has now commenced.

THE RELIGIOUS DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in a speech at Alnwick last night said he was not anxious that a formal conference between the party leaders should be held until it was made clear that the Opposition was disposed to settle the Home Rule question. The Government, he added, had opened the door, but the Opposition was still walking outside, and only occasionally shouting through the window.

The religious difference was the real problem in Ulster; but it would not affect the management of the Customs. If Ulster was afraid of the Roman Catholic spirit it would be easy, by means of a grand committee of Ulster members, to put education entirely in their hands. Such a change would be quite consistent with the conditions which Mr. Asquith had laid down in his Ladybank speech.

ULSTER AND THE ARMY.

Lord Willoughby de Broke, in a speech in London last night, said that he "would not be a party to approaching the army in connection with Ulster's resistance; but the Government must recollect that the army was only human."

Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, Unionist member for Dudley, was originally invited to distribute the prizes in connection with the Territorials' competitions at Dudley, but the officers cancelled the engagement owing to Sir Arthur having delivered a speech in the meantime in which he declared that he would resign his commission in the Royal West Kent Regiment and offer his services to Ulster if the Government sent troops to shoot down Ulstermen before a general election.

PRAYERS FOR SETTLEMENT.

Acceding to the request of 552 of the clergy, the Bishop of London has decided that a prayer shall be used on the last Sunday of the year for a peaceful settlement of the Irish question.

NEW ZEALAND'S GIFT.

DISTINGUISHING QUALITY.

"IMPULSIVENESS; NOT FAR-SIGHTEDNESS."

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Commenting on the speech of Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, at the luncheon given by the Navy League to welcome the captain and officers of the battle-cruiser New Zealand on their return, the "Manchester Guardian" says: "Despite Mr. Churchill's stipulation that there should be no controversial subjects raised his speech was highly controversial." There was no crisis in 1909.

It goes on to say: "The action of New Zealand in giving the battleship was based on a complete misapprehension of facts, and the distinguishing quality of the gift was impulsiveness, not far-sightedness."

THE BEDFORD ESTATE.

CASUAL BUSINESS DEAL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

During the past nine years the Duke of Bedford, who has just sold his Covent Garden Estate, has reduced the area of land held by him from 87,000 acres to 41,000 acres.

All the tenants in Covent Garden are under weekly agreement, and they regret losing a good landlord.

The "Daily Mail" states that Mr. Mallaby-Deeley paid slightly under £3,000,000 for the estate, and that the stamp duties amount to nearly £30,000. The gross rentals are estimated at £230,000.

The initiative in regard to the deal came from the Duke. Mr. Mallaby-Deeley's first offer was made without inspecting the property; then he visited the estate, and a few calculations on the corner of a blotting pad formed the basis of the second offer, which was accepted, after half an hour's talk, by the Duke.

Mr. Mallaby-Deeley has no office, and he is not even connected with the telephone system.

THE TURN OF TRADE.

FREETRADE ENGLAND'S POSITION.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

In the course of his speech at Alnwick last night, Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that there were signs that trade was now on the turn; but freetrade England would feel the decline later than the protectionist countries.

SOMALILAND.

NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT ARRESTED.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Mr. Alan Ostler, a correspondent for the "Daily New; '—who recently stated in an article that since the withdrawal of British support from the friendly tribes atrocities had been committed by the followers of the Mullah equal to those in the Congo—has been arrested for travelling in Somaliland without permission.

It appears that he crossed the frontier in defiance of official warnings, ostensibly to investigate the Mad Mullah's activities, and the condition of the protected tribes.

Later.

Mr. Ostler has been fined £183, in default two months' imprisonment. He declares that he will not pay the fine.

DIPLOMATIC POSTS.

PLEA FOR POOR MEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

Mr. Bryan, Secretary of State, has asked the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to defray the cost of erecting American Embassies throughout the world, in order that poor men may be able to accept diplomatic posts within the gift of the United States.

Mr. Bryan asserts that there are not enough men among "American money-makers" fitted for the diplomatic service, and rich diplomats ought not to be allowed to set a high standard of expenditure.

MRS. PANKHURST.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Mrs. Pankhurst was released from prison in a state of collapse and conveyed in the police ambulance to the headquarters of the suffragists in Kinsway.

The patient will go to Switzerland shortly.

ARMAMENTS.

LIBERAL DISQUIETUDE.

MR. ASQUITH EXPLAINS.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

A private deputation of Liberal members of the House of Commons, headed by Mr. P. A. Molteno, waited on Mr. Asquith, and urged that the Government should refuse to increase the votes for armaments.

The Prime Minister replied that the forthcoming large increases in the Estimates were automatic, the House of Commons having already sanctioned them.

He denied that there were any other commitments.

Mr. Asquith added that the amount spent on the navy and army was a matter of grave concern to the Government, which was aware how it affected future social legislation.

He emphatically repudiated the attempt that was being made in some quarters to separate Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, from the rest of the Cabinet, and declared that all the members were responsible for the naval expenditure.

The deputation expressed satisfaction with the statement of the Prime Minister. The members understand from his remarks that the Government has no intention of building in competition with Austria and Italy in the Mediterranean. They also believe that the coming Estimates will be below £50,000,000.

REMARKABLE CASE.

QUEER METHOD OF FRAUD.

LAUGHABLE EVIDENCE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.

Extraordinary revelations marked the prosecution of Martin Ferris, his wife, and two daughters, who are accused of having used the mails for fraud in connection with a matrimonial bureau.

The accused pleaded guilty. They admitted that one daughter, Louise, wrote letters to men who wished to marry her, and then the father warned away the prospective bridegrooms.

On one occasion five men arrived at their common fiancee's home simultaneously, while it was stated that no less than 50 men were all engaged to Louise at the one time.

Louise succeeded in getting large sums of money, diamonds, and jewellery from her wooers.

One of the victims is said to be a well-known pugilist.

Whenever gifts from the wooers arrived at the Ferris home a general scramble ensued, and whoever succeeded in grabbing the package kept the contents.

The recital of the methods of the family kept the court in roars of laughter throughout.

DEATH OF CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.

ROME, Dec. 17.

Further news of the death of Cardinal Rampolla state that he died suddenly, the immediate cause being angina pectoris, though he had been in ill-health for some time.

The Pope, who is overwhelmed with grief, has ordered the greatest honours to be shown the memory of Cardinal Rampolla, who had hitherto been regarded as the Pope's successor.

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The deceased Cardinal's sitting-room has been transformed into a chapelle ardent, and the leading ecclesiastics have paid their last tribute of respect. The burial will take place in St. Peter's on Friday.

THE OLDHAM MURDER.

DEMONSTRATION OF SYMPATHY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The demonstration of sympathy on behalf of Ernest Kelly, who was hanged at Manchester yesterday for the murder of a bookseller named Bardsley, at Oldham, in July last, was due to the fact that Edward Hilton, an accomplice, was reprieved. Mr. M'Kenna, Home Secretary, explained that Hilton was under the age of 18 and mentally defective.

Forty thousand cotton operatives waited in Market-square, Oldham, influenced by a crude idea of justice—that both men should be hanged, or neither.

After Mr. M'Kenna's refusal to grant a reprieve was announced, a band of men and girls, armed with staves and iron rods, and carrying flare lamps, marched to Manchester, impelled by a crazy idea of saving Kelly.

They broke a number of street lamps and windows en route, but they were helpless when they arrived at the walls of Strangways prison. One section spent the night singing hymns, and the other in singing comic songs, and occasionally cheering Kelly and hissing Mr. M'Kenna.

The police induced most of them to surrender, while they were able to keep the remainder at a distance from the prison until the execution bell tolled in the morning.

FOOL-PROOF AEROPLANES.

ORVILLE WRIGHT'S INVENTION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Mr. Orville Wright, speaking at a reception given in his honour by the Aero Club of America, announced that he had recently invented a stabiliser which he guaranteed would make aeroplanes as nearly "fool-proof" as anything could possibly be.

The contrivance, he declared, was more accurate and reliable than any airman.

INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BOYCOTTING THE COMMISSION.

DURBAN, Dec. 18.

Mr. Gopal Gokhale, representative of the non-official members of the Bombay Legislature on the Viceroy's Legislative Council, has cabled to the Indians in South Africa advising them to boycott the Royal Commission which has been appointed to inquire into their grievances.

NATURALISATION.

EMPIRE LEAGUE'S PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, Postmaster-General, speaking at a meeting of the Empire League, which was held in the Mansion House, said that consultations between the Imperial and the Dominion Governments on the question of a uniform naturalisation law for all citizens of the Empire were completed.

The Government, he said, hoped to introduce a bill during the coming session embodying the principles advocated by the League as far as circumstances would allow.

GEORGES CARPENTIER.

WILL NOT VISIT AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Georges Carpentier, the celebrated French boxer, stated to-day that he positively declined to go to Australia.

He said he could earn all the money he required in Europe, and did not care for such a long journey.

Mr. R. L. Baker stated yesterday that he had received a cable from his London agent to the effect that Carpentier had now refused Mr. Baker's highest offer, for the reasons already cabled. Mr. Baker added that he will most probably leave for Europe himself by the end of the year, with a view to personally engaging Carpentier to come to Australia. He regards Carpentier as the greatest boxing attraction in the world, and intends to secure him if the task is a business possibility.

ELMSLIE MINISTRY.

WANTS DISSOLUTION.

OPPOSITION CARRIES ADVERSE MOTIONS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

When the Legislative Assembly met today Mr. Smith, the Hon. Minister who has been in charge of the Government business since the Elmslie Cabinet was sworn in, moved that the House adjourn till Tuesday.

He said that after the Assembly carried the want of confidence motion against the Government on Tuesday the Cabinet met and considered the situation. As a result, Mr. Elmslie, the Premier, had been instructed to prepare a minute dealing with the situation for presentation to the Lieutenant-Governor. His Excellency could not grant Mr. Elmslie an interview till to-night, and as that interview would decide an important issue at present in the balance, it was necessary that an adjournment should be granted. Owing to the length of the minute and the important matters that it contained, it was hardly to be expected that Sir John Madden could give a definite answer to-night, especially as he could not see Mr. Elmslie till after 11 o'clock. It would be unwise to force the Governor's hands in regard to the matter of granting a dissolution.

Mr. Watt, leader of the Opposition, said that the explanation was the most extraordinary that he had ever heard during any political crisis. The Elmslie Government was really defeated nine days ago, and any self-respecting Government would have immediately resigned. According to press reports, the minute that was to be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor was prepared by a member of another Parliament. It was evidently a document of about fifty pages of type-written matter. The Government sought to place the responsibility for the delay on the shoulders of the Governor, whereas it really rested with the members of the Ministry. He noticed in coming to the House that day that the Ministerial motor-car had shifted its stables to the new site of government—the Trades Hall. He did not know whether it was of any significance that consultations were proceeding at the new site of government between the Government for the time and an outside organisation. Supply for January would have to be granted before December 31, and responsibility for supply rested with the Opposition., the dominant party in the House.

Mr. Warde said that the minute had been prepared late yesterday afternoon. The Ministry had been advised by one of the best legal minds of the day.

Mr. Murray moved as an amendment that the House adjourn till Friday afternoon. He did not think that the document prepared by the Ministry would prove to be anything better than tripe.

Mr. Cotter, referring to the Government motor-cars, said that members of the Watt Ministry used the cars on Sundays to take families out. The State motor-car could be heard going in the direction of Mr. Murray's residence at all hours of the night. Apparently he used it for joy rides. (Laughter.)

Mr. Murray's amendment was carried by 33 votes to 11.

A motion by Mr. Watt that Monday be a sitting day was agreed to on division, and the House adjourned till 2 p.m. to-morrow.

When the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir John Madden) returned from Ballarat late to-night the Premier waited upon him and asked for a dissolution. Sir John Madden will communicate with the Premier to-day.

M.M. BOATS.

TO CEASE RUNNING IN JULY

NEW CARGO LINE.

From July next the mail service which the Messageries Maritimes Company has conducted with Australia over so many years will cease, and in its place will be inaugurated a service in which the carriage of cargo will be the primary consideration.

The vessels to be employed are the Gange, Longsor, Sontay, Euphrates, and El-Kautara, now employed on the Marseilles-Tonkin route. They will proceed to Sydney and Noumea, via Colombo, Batavia, and Brisbane. The directors of the company have considered the dropping of the Indian service, which has for some years been carried on by the vessels in the Australian mail line; making Bombay a port of call on the outward and homeward voyages; the mails to and from Australia being transferred at Colombo to and from the company's Far East vessels.

While the abandonment of the French mail service to the Commonwealth will create no surprise, it will be associated with a more or less sentimental regret. In the seventies and eighties French shipping was at its heyday in the Levant and east of Suez. The vessels of the Messageries Maritimes were the fastest in the Mediterranean and in the Indian Ocean. Until 1887 the French mail service may be said to have more than held its own. The decline came slowly but none the less surely. First the Australian business slipped gradually away; then a lessening was observed in the Far Eastern trade; and after that the Levant connection began to exhibit signs of a not too healthy character. For the past 30 years the M. M. Company has conducted a passenger and mail service to Australia, and with its cessation a familiar phase of local shipping will disappear.

TOBACCO.

PRODUCTION TOO GREAT.

GROWERS PERTURBED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Victorian tobacco-growers have been somewhat perturbed by a letter that has been sent out by manufacturers in the trade to the effect that there is much more tobacco being produced in Australia than the demand warrants.

"We would advise you," say the manufacturers, "not to increase your area this year if you can grow anything else."

Dr. Cameron, the Director of Agriculture, explained to-day that the communication from the manufacturers referred only to growers of tobacco leaf in New South Wales and Queensland. The position had not been clearly stated. Manufacturers were able to handle large quantities of tobacco, but they objected to the concentration by growers on inferior grades of tobacco. The proportion of plug tobacco cultivated in New South Wales and Queensland was too great compared with the cultivation of the finer qualities.

BABY BONUS.

CLAIMED BY 90 PER CENT. OF MOTHERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Honorary Minister Clemons stated in the Senate to-day during the discussion in Committee of the Appropriation Bill, between 90 and 93 per cent. of the mothers of Australia had claimed the Maternity allowance. Since it came into operation the sum that had been paid totalled £65,000, in respect of 130,000 claims that had been granted. About 13,000 mothers did not claim the allowance.

LIVERPOOL MURDER.

SUMNER ON THE MAJESTIC.

LONDON, Dec. 18, 1.35 p.m.

The captain of the steamer Majestic has sent a message by wireless to the police authorities at Southampton that George Sumner, the man who is wanted in connection with the murder of Miss Bradfield, at Liverpool, is a stowaway on board the liner, and will be landed at Queenstown.

THE STRIKE.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

SEAMEN MAY RETURN.

CONFERENCE WITH EMPLOYERS.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The most salient feature of the strike situation to-day is the attitude of the seamen, and the question is being frequently asked, "Will they return?" It would look very much like it, for the holiday traffic is being arranged for by the Union Company, which so far as the ferry service is concerned will have the Wahine and Maori both in the service.

The seamen's representatives from Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin, and elsewhere have been in conference with the owners, but the strictest secrecy has been observed as to the nature of the deliberations.

Nevertheless it has been ascertained that the seamen are anxious to return, and the employers are equally anxious for them to resume. The terms, of course, have to be discussed, and it is understood that these were finally accepted, but have not yet been officially divulged. It seems fairly safe to assume that the travelling public will be able to travel at Christmas time as usual.

Whether all the West Coast ports will be open remains to be seen. In this connection it is stated that a large body of police is on its way in the Tutanekai for the West Coast. These men will reinforce the local police, plus the special constabulary raised for the occasion.

It is believed that the principal topic which the seamen are now discussing is, "Shall we resume work as arbitration unionists?" The shipowners have made it sufficiently clear to the seamen's delegates that if the men resume they will do so as arbitrationists. This stipulation the delegates were quite agreeable to accept. The odds are all in favour of the seamen going back before the week is out.

The miners will not turn to until the new year, then under slightly different conditions.

ALLEGED SEDITION.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

Edward Hunter, a miner, from Westport, has been arrested on a charge of making a seditious speech at Wellington.

SETTLEMENT PREDICTED.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

The Auckland branch of the Seamen's Union of New Zealand met to-day for the purpose of agreeing to or rejecting the final conclusions of the shipowners. The issues before the meeting were earnestly discussed. It is understood that the resolutions carried will go far towards a settlement of the differences. The resolutions were telegraphed to Wellington. Many seamen predict a Dominion settlement to-morrow.

TROUBLE AT GEELONG.

DORSET HELD UP.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The steamer Dorset arrived at Geelong today, with the intention of taking in frozen lambs from Fletcher's freezing works. The vessel was brought alongside the wharf where, however, trouble was expected, as the stevedores had been notified by the executive in Melbourne that they must not work the vessel. A party of free labourers was motored to the wharf, accompanied by a constable, but on their appearance the butchers and other unionists held a meeting, and decided if non-unionists touched a carcase they themselves would cease work, declare the establishment "black," and perhaps refuse to work in it in future. The firm has a large number of sheep yet to be dealt with, and the loading was not allowed to proceed.

CLERKS' ATTITUDE.

The Sydney conference met again yesterday, and, in the absence of any definite news from New Zealand, was further adjourned until 11 a.m. to-day.

Mr. W. L. Duncan, United Clerks' Union, explained to last night's meeting of the Labour Council of New South Wales that it was not true that any members of his union were doing labouring work that was boycotted by the Wharf-labourers' Union. Only that day his union had decided not to receive any cargo carried by others than members of the Trolly, Draymen, and Carters' Union, and this union would not carry for the New Zealand trade.

CITY FIRE.

INSURANCES TOTAL £50,000.

STILL SMOULDERING.

The scene of Wednesday night's fire, near the corner of George and Regent streets, was yesterday a mass of smouldering debris contained within the remains of four walls.

At a late hour last night water was still being played on the ruins. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon portion of the western wall fell, and crashed through the roof of the branch of the Bank of New South Wales, doing a great deal of damage.

The total insurance on the building and contents was aout £40,000, and it is estimated that £50,000 will cover the loss. The building is practically a new one, and was only completed two and a half years ago.

The premises were owned by Messrs. E. A. M. and H. A. M. Morewether, and were insure in the North British Fire Insurance Co. for £15,000.

Other insurances were as follows:—

Whybrow and Co., boot manufacturers:—£15,000, New Zealand Fire Insurance Co.

Messrs. Williams Bros., motor and cycle manufacturers, £7000, New Zealand Fire Insurance Co.

The Canada Cycle and Motor Agency, £4000 in the Aachen and Munich Co.

Messrs. Porter and Rowe, signwriters and pictorial experts, £200 in the General Accident Fire Insurance Co.

The Flower Manufacturing Co., artificial flower makers, stock £7300 in the Queensland, Yorkshire, and National Insurance Co., building £6000 in the Ocean Accident Co

The damage to adjoining premises was severe. A rough estimate puts the loss to the Bank of New South Wales at between two and three thousand pounds, while the Flower Manufacturing Co.'s building was wrecked by falling walls to a similar extent.

The Union Tailors, Ltd., George-street, state that fortunately their premises escaped injury.

AMERICAN TEAM.

ATHLETES IN NEW ZEALAND.

BEATEN IN HURDLES.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The American athletes participated in the Invercargill Sports to-day, when the main attraction was the meeting between R. R. Templeton (America) and G. P. Keddell in the 120 yards hurdles. The New Zealander won by three inches in 16 1-5s. Templeton led for most of the journey; but Keddell, making a fine burst in the latter part, gained just sufficient ground to get the victory.

The wind and weather were against the men in the mile run, in which J. Power (America) dead heated with J. Forrester (Southland), and who had a handicap of 225 yards. The time was 4m 10s.

R. Coughey was beaten in putting the 16lb shot, by a handicap man; but in an exhibition putt he did 42ft 2½in. or 8½in better than the New Zealand record.

T. Parker (America) was handicapped out of the sprint events, and the other Americans are suffering more or less from minor ailments, and have not yet got into form.

IMMIGRATION.

FARM LABOURERS FROM LONDON.

COMPLAINTS IN SENATE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Senator Maughan (Queensland), during the discussion of the Appropriation Bill in Committee, in the Senate to-day, referred to the suitability of the immigrants now arriving in Australia.

"It is becoming more difficult every day," he said, "for Australia to obtain suitable immigrants—men who have agricultural experience and who are prepared to work. The Liberal Government of the United Kingdom is bettering the conditions of men on the land at home and increasing the facilities for those who wish to leave the cities for the land. The men who are working on the land in the United Kingdom are not brought here. We get the men who go to Kent, work for a fortnight picking hops, and then secure a passage from England as full-blown agricultural labourers. There should be more discrimination exercised by Australian representatives in London in selecting immigrants. The best agricultural labourer we can have is Australian born, but unfortunately he is hard to get. They will not stop on the farms. Therefore, it is necessary for the Australian immigration authorities in London to offer better inducements to suitable agricultural labourers."

Senator Needham (W.A.) thought that Sir George Reid paid far too much attention to London's agricultural labourers. (Laughter.) What was the good of making after-dinner speeches in London when the men whom Australia wished to attract for farming work were hundreds of miles away in the provinces.

Senator Clemons said that England was doing all she could to retain her agriculturists, and he agreed that a bigger effort than ever would have to be made by the Commonwealth authorities in England to obtain the right men.

LOCAL OPTION.

REDUCTION IN THREE MORE DISTRICTS.

Further official returns were made available from the Justice Department yesterday with regard to the local option poll. Continuance was carried in 11 districts, from which returns were received, and reduction in three.

Electorate.	C'tinuance.	Reduction.	No-License.	
Annandale	4799	654	3127	C
Belmore	4753	565	1488	C
Dulwich Hill	3746	508	4544	R
Enmore	4747	636	3470	C
Gordon	5741	456	4000	R
Goulburn	3974	121	4302	C
Gwydir	4283	493	1837	C
Marrickville	4037	380	2851	C
Namoi	4211	305	1199	C
Newtown	4178	533	3097	C
Orange	4256	371	3057	C
Upper Hunter	4732	1045	1983	C
Woollahra	4694	1121	2118	C
Yass	5302	445	2986	C

According to information received by the Licensed Victuallers' Association, the Wagga figures were 5043 for continuance, 641 for reduction, and 1539 for no-license. In Cootamundra, the majority for continuance was 1834.

HAT FEATHERS.

THE TRAGEDY OF BIRD LIFE.

ROOSTERS EXEMPTED.

The adorning of ladies' hats with the plumage of birds was roundly condemned by the Gould League of Bird Lovers at their annual meeting yesterday.

Mr. W. W. Froggatt, Government Entomologist, said that the efforts of the Wild Life Preservation Society had been instrumental in putting a stop to a great deal of this traffic, particularly as far as the plumes of birds of paradise were concerned. Some actresses had been prevented from bringing ashore hats trimmed with the plumes of certain birds.

Miss Graham moved "That the league appeal to the women of Australia to refrain from the wearing of bird plumage." If women who were the skins and feathers of birds in their hats only realised what a tragedy in bird-life this meant, the crime they were committing would surely come home to them, and they would not countenance the practice. She could not understand why some women were so mad on feathers. It had always seemed to her that feathers were not to be compared with flowers for decorative effect, and there were other methods of ornamenting one's headgear. It was to be sincerely hoped that the cruelty and the wrong of this traffic in birds' plumage would be realised by every woman. Many of them who used these decorations did so, she was sure, without a thought of what they involved. The custom had arisen from woman's vanity, and could be stopped by an appeal to woman's tenderness, though this latter quality was unfortunately not always in evidence. It seemed to her that they must make women realise what the slaughter of innocent birds meant, and rely on their natural sympathies to put an end to this cruel traffic.

Mrs. Ayling seconded the motion.

Mr. Webster remarked that they must be careful lest they should be branded as narrow-minded. The league was not opposed to the wearing of all plumage. For example, nothing could be said against ostrich feathers.

Mr. Froggatt: Or the feathers of roosters. (Laughter.)

Mr. Webster: What the league objected to was the wearing of plumage that could only be secured by the sacrifice of bird-life or by cruelty to birds. He thought the motion should be amended in that way.

Mr. Froggatt observed that those who travelled in the tram cars could not fail to be struck with the remarkable fact that many elderly ladies, who seemed to be of kindly nature, had their bonnets bedecked with birds plumes.

The motion was amended in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Webster, and was in that form carried.

A CARPENTER'S DEATH.

DRUNKEN BRAWL.

MATE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The inquiry was concluded to-day into the circumstances of the death of Edward Ellis, who met with injuries at Kyabram Railway Station on the night of December 1. Deceased was a carpenter employed by the Railway Department, and with another carpenter, Charles Envall, he occupied a sleeping car near the station. The two returned to the van on the night in question and at about midnight Envall called at the house of Dr. Harcourt, and asked him to go and see his mate, as he had hurt himself. The doctor found that the man's spine was broken. Ellis was removed to a private hospital, and died the following day.

The jury found that the injuries were caused by Envall in a quarrel, and expressed the opinion that both men were under the influence of liquor.

Envall was committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

COCKATOO ISLAND DOCK.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Senate to-day Senator McDougall (N.S.W.) asked the Minister for Defence (Senator Millen) whether it was true that a man had been engaged in London, and would sail shortly for Australia to take up the position of manager of Cockatoo Island Dockyard, at Sydney.

Senator Millen said a man had not been engaged.

Answering Senator Rae (N.S.W.), Senator Millen said that as soon as the man to be appointed arrived the acting manager (Mr. Cutler) would be relieved of his duties.

MEAT TRUST.

GAINING GROUND IN AUSTRALIA.

VISIT TO HOMEBUSH.

It is well-known in the fat stock trade that the American Meat Trust has already acquired very large interests in Australia.

In Queensland the trust owns considerable property. Now it is devoting particular attention to New South Wales.

An observed of the observers at the Homebush fat stock saleyards yesterday was Mr. Isaac M. Hodgkinson, representative of Armour and Co., Ltd., the world-renowned meat packers and salesmen. He was accompanied by a couple of prominent Western Australian cattlemen.

It is not at all unusual for men of note in the live stock world and meat trade when visiting Sydney to take a run out to Homebush, note the quality of the sheep and cattle penned up for sale, and take some interest in the general conduct of the business. They pass through without much notice or comment, but Mr. Hodgkinson's visit aroused more than passing interest.

Is it a vision or an apparition of the great American meat trust? queried one stockman. Another remarked that it was an ominous sign, especially following on the visits of Mr. Malkow, one of the Swift, Armour representatives, some two or three years ago, and who is now in the northern State.

It was freely rumoured during Mr. Malkow's stay in New South Wales that offers were made to buy out or buy up one or more of the large meat concerns operating at Homebush, and doing an extensive export as well as local trade.

Point was given to the argument that Mr. Hodgkinson was not out at the yards for pastime, or noting the mode of selling, by one person remarking that before the American meat-packers commenced operations in London and Liverpool they personally attended Smithfield market for several months at 2 to 2 a.m. watched every move in the game, and when satisfied that trade could be captured commenced operations to profit.

Local susceptibilities are scrupulously regarded in any new undertakings. The Stars and Stripes are not flaunted in London, in Queensland, in Argentine, or elsewhere. Local emblems and titles even are adopted for sheer cosmopolitan sake; the kangaroo or emu would make as good a brand as the mongoose, say those who seem to know something about the subject.

PAPUA.

THE YEAR'S DEFICIT.

GOOD PROSPECTS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Papua (Judge Murray), in his annual report, states that the year showed a decrease of £17,000 in the value of the imports into the territory, involving a diminution in Customs revenue of £4300.

Although the most rigid economy was practised as soon as the true state of affairs was realised, it was found impossible to retrieve the position altogether, and for the first time in the history of the territory the year closed with a deficit.

The total volume of the imports and exports was the highest on record, imports being £218,323 in value, and exports £128,015, making a total of £346,339. The imports showed a decrease of £17,046, compared with the previous year, and the exports an increase of £28,036. The total Customs receipts were £33,463, as against £37,761 in 1911-12. The expenditure for the year was £84,317, and the revenue £86,335. After deduction of the amounts granted for special purposes, the actual revenue was £78,132. Adding the deficit for the year 1912-13 and the deficit on June 30, 1912, the total deficit for the year was £8249, or adding the insurance money on the loss of the Morrie England, which can hardly be considered as revenue, the total deficit was £12,239.

The prospects of the territory, however, are considered to be good. More land was brought under cultivation last year than in any previous year. The total of 35,900 acres shows an increase of 10,000 acres as compared with the previous year. The export of gold, which was valued at £66,329, was with the exception of 1910-11, when the first development of Lake Kamu made the figures the largest since 1905-6, and considerable, the highest since 1295 tons, compared with 994 tons for the previous year.

The increase of the European population was 153, compared with 33. The exports of copra were valued at £16,912, and of copper at £13,997. The area planted during the first two years was greater than the whole area planted in the territory up till June, 1911. Cocoanuts topped the list, with 62.1 per cent., rubber with 17.7 per cent., sisal hemp with 8.6 per cent., cotton 1.7 per cent., and miscellaneous cultivations, including fruit trees, 9.9 per cent.

No difficulty appears to have been experienced in tapping the rubber trees by Papuan labour. The number of trees tapped by each native and the quality of the work done are considered to compare very favourably with similar work in the Malay Peninsula. Referring to the oil discoveries in the Vailala district, the report states that Dr. Wade, the expert engaged in England, was at present engaged in an examination of the country, which is about 900 square miles. Difficulty has been experienced in getting native labour or "boys" for the mining industry. Labour was more freely offered for the plantations, notwithstanding the fact that a higher wage is offered for mining work. Taking the Government service, police, and village constables together, there were 11,358 natives employed during 1912, compared with 11,496 the year before, the decrease being accounted for by the falling-off in the number of boys who signed on for mining, namely, 833, as against 1050 in the previous year. The natives now manifested greater readiness to accept European remedies for disease. They submitted freely to vaccination, accepting it as a Government work, and as such, a protection against the influence of sorcery, to which smallpox, like all other diseases, was attributed.

POLICEMAN'S MISTAKES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Last Saturday night Constable Patrick Grace created a sensation at Hindmarsh, a suburb of Adelaide, by bringing into the lockup one after another three thoroughly respectable citizens, against whom he laid charges of drunkenness, although it was apparent that they were perfectly sober. Two of his victims were allowed to go immediately, but another was placed temporarily in a cell. Eventually the sergeant in charge suspended Grace, whose conduct was made the subject of a departmental inquiry. To-day the Chief Secretary stated that the evidence showed that the policeman was not in a fit condition to be on duty, and he had been permitted to resign from the police force. Grace served five years in the Irish constabulary.

POST-OFFICE BURNED.

JONES ISLAND, Thursday.

The Kendall post-office was destroyed by fire last night. All the Sydney mails received last night were lost. Everything in the office was destroyed. It is not known how the fire occurred.

STRIKE AT JUNEE.

CHAFFCUTTERS IDLE.

JUNEE, Thursday.

There is a strike on here in the chaffcutting industry. Two plants are hung up, affecting 30 men, and it is likely to spread. The men demand that engine drivers shall be paid 10s 6d a day, feeders 12s 6d, bag sewers 10s, baggers 9s, and the rest of the employees 8s a day, with board and lodging. The hours to be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., working eight hours a day.

DEBATERS' WELCOME.

SIR GEO. REID.

A GREAT GATHERING.

ELOQUENT ADDRESSES.

A "welcome" to Sir George Reid was extended last night at the Town Hall by the New South Wales Debating Societies' Union and kindred societies of Sydney. The new institution known as the Shakespeare Tercentenary Fund also joined in the function, and the State Chief Justice and president of the Fund, Sir William Cullen, presided over a gathering which filled the main body of the large hall and the galleries.

The High Commissioner for the Commonwealth as an orator is generally regarded as the choice product of the old-established Sydney School of Arts Debating Society, and during his public career has always more or less taken literary and debating societies under his special patronage. Last night's function was, therefore, a particularly spontaneous and appropriate one.

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forces would displace her from the position of prominence which our ancestors won for her. (Applause.)

"But Great Britain, within the British Empire, need fear no Power. The British Empire, if it was held together, could never be surpassed by any nation on the face of the earth. (Cheers.) Remember the marvellous coigns of advantage the Empire possessed in every part of the hemisphere, an Empire which covered more than one-fifth the surface of the globe, and contained more than one-fifth of the human races. (Cheers.) There never was a time when the Empire was more united, more powerful, or had a brighter outlook. (Applause.) Did they ever think enough of that glorious band of civil governors within the Empire who governed these alien races from mighty India down to the newly-discovered abodes of primeval barbarism; men who stood for human justice and right amid millions of men who were only beginning to know what these things meant. (Applause.)

AUSTRALIA AND FOREIGNERS.

"Australia should never miss an opportunity of cultivating friendly relations with every foreign race throughout the whole world. (Cheers.) There were some things they had to do, and some points they had to push aside to make sure that the development of the country would be achieved by their own race, and that, whatever the future in store, it should be a British country. (Cheers.) These things to which he referred were not Australian inventions, but represented an instinct felt by every race that existed. (Applause.) But there were two ways of doing things, and he hoped and believed, because the nature of Australia was generous, that in the days to come the statesmanship of Australia would put, as one of the first duties in representing Australia, the extended hand of friendship with all races, whatever their colour or their creed." (Cheers.)

A voice: What about White Australia.

Sir George Reid said he had just been referring to that, but he did not propose to enter on a campaign to make the rest of the world white. (Cheers and laughter.) "Do not let us forget," he added, "that for 800 years the British character for self-government could be developed upon the lands which the feet of brutal conquest never touched. Do not forget that some of these inscrutable, sad faces, those dark faces that you see, are descendants of a race which was civilised when our ancestors herded in swamps." (Great cheering.)

AUSTRALIA'S DESTINY.

He was more confident than ever of Australia, which was first in his thoughts, his affections, and his gratitude. Every year placed the destinies of this Continent upon a surer foundation. Already they saw that Australia possessed every raw material for the highest form of national greatness. (Applause.) But the fatal things about Australians, he was afraid, was that they were so busy admiring their own progress and their own intelligence—(laughter)—that they were forgetting the enormous tasks that lay before them. (Cheers.) Five millions of men, women, and children on the face of the richest country in the world, which was as large as the United States! Were they satisfied with that?

Chorus of voices: No.

A single voice: Yes.

Sir George Reid: All I say with reference to my friend who says "yes" is that the ejaculation is no foreign to his usual high spirits that I think he should see a medical adviser. (Great laughter and applause.) Every immigrant who lands is a new customer for fifty Australian tradesmen. (Applause.) I think we have made it clear he shall only work in one occupation, unless he is a policeman. (Great laughter.) And since he can only work in one occupation, he, at the worst, may for a moment pinch only one for the sake of the other 49." (Applause.) Surely patriotism required the pinching of the one for the sake of the 49. Did they think the world was going to allow a handful of individuals, while hundreds of millions crowded on the other spaces of the world, to make a private estate of Australia? (Cheers.) The anti-immigrationist was the biggest landgrabber in the world. (Cheers.)

PRICELESS WEALTH.

He wanted to see young Australia engaged in developing the priceless wealth which lay in the soil and beneath the soil of this vast continent. (Cheers.) The man who succeeded in his own business, and did not forget to render some public service, was the man he honoured and esteemed. (Cheers.)

"I want to say to young men," said Sir George, "you never know what your best is until you try your hardest." (Cheers.) They could cultivate a sanguine disposition, he said.

His policy took account of the certainty that he would some day come up against a stonewall, and his creed was that, if he did get up against anything tough, his first operation would be to push it aside. If, after a reasonable exercise of strength or skill, he did not push it aside he tried to get round it. (Great laughter.) If he could not get round it, he would try to get under it. (Laughter.) His last effort, a painful one, would be to try to get over it. (Great laughter.) If he failed to get over it, he would lay down beneath its shade and reconsider it a blessing in disguise. (Prolonged cheering.)

They should never be discouraged at a stroke of bad luck. Some unseen hand might be leading them kindly, when they thought were fates were against them. Whatever their success might be, the exercise of their mental powers would improve them.

INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

He was not pessimistic because of the industrial unrest abroad. The mass of mankind had for generations been kept in ignorance, and it was only of late that the balance was being adjusted. He saw nothing to grieve at in the state of humanity today.

The education in schools was only the alphabet that equipped children with the power to really learn the lessons of life. So he commended all the young men who belonged to these societies. If these societies produce one statesman, one benefactor to the race, they would not have worked in vain. (Applause.)

The three great needs of Australia were:—Firstly, men, women, and children; secondly, markets abroad for Australian exports; and, thirdly, practical science applied to the natural wealth of the soil and the mind, and practical statesmanship. (Applause.)

SHAKESPEARE.

Concluding, Sir George Reid said:—"I am not going to dwell upon one of the noble features of our programme to-night at any length—Shakespeare. The very name seems enough, even in this distant offshoot of the British race. There might sum up three things about Shakespeare—two of them making him, I think, a man who stands out almost alone in the world: his fame has expanded with the flight of time; his genius has enlightened an ever-increasing multitude of all the nations of mankind; and the patriotism of Shakespeare is noble enough for the imitation of any man of any land—

"This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle. . . .
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall,
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England.

"I am not only confident of the future greatness of Australia, but I am equally confident of the future happiness of all mankind. The mind may have been kept in darkness for many ages, but it will not end there, because it is the crown of the life of all the worlds in the whole universe." (Prolonged applause.)

The vote of thanks to Sir George Reid for his address was fittingly left to two Debating Society men—Mr. C. Walmsley, of St. Stephen's (Sir George Reid's old society), and Mr. Preston Stanley, of the Southern Cross Debating Club.

Sir George Reid moved a vote of thanks to Sir Wm. Cullen for presiding, and the gathering terminated with cheers.

MORTLAKE STRIKES.

RESUMPTION OF WORK.

The members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, who came to terms with the engineer-in-chief of the Australian Gaslight Company on Wednesday night on the question of the allocation of duties, resumed work at Mortlake yesterday. A settlement has, however, yet to be effected in regard to those labourers, members of the Gas Employees' Union, who were doing work that is now given to fitters. The union secretary, Mr. S. Rawlin, had a private interview yesterday with the Industrial Registrar in reference to this matter.

The coal-lumpers who had been in dispute over the discharge of cargoes of steam colliers at Mortlake did not resume work on Wednesday, as was anticipated, but the secretary of the Coal-lumpers' Union, Mr. W. O'Connor, was able to say late last night that he believed the difficulty had now been overcome. He expected that work would be resumed this morning.

NATIONAL BANK OF TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday

At the half-yearly meeting of the National Bank of Tasmania to-day the report showed a very satisfactory volume of business. The net profit for the term was £18,369 8s 3d, out of which a dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, absorbing £8321, had been declared; £2000 was placed to the reserve fund, and £4181 carried forward. The total figures were £818,677, compared with £884,233 twelve months ago. The speeches were optimistic concerning the prospects of the State for the ensuing year.

FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

SESSION CLOSING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Both Houses met at 11 o'clock this morning. The Senate continued consideration of the Appropriation Bill in committee, and after having made no rapid progress than usual, business was interrupted in order to allow the House of Representatives' treatment of the amendments sent down by the Senate to be considered. The Pine Creek to Katherine River Railway Bill had been amended by the Senate in such a way as to provide that the work should be carried out by day labour instead of by contract. Further, a provision had been inserted in regard to rates of wages and conditions of employment. The Senate resolved not to insist upon its amendment for day labour, in spite of an emphatic protest on the part of Senator Stewart. It, however, altered another of the amendments in order to provide that if the work were carried out by contract conditions with regard to wages and so forth should be observed. When the Bill reached the House of Representatives the provision relating to contracts was accepted, and another provision which had been put in fixing the prices of provisions and other goods supplied to the men was objected to.

The Public Service Bill and the Committee of Public Accounts Bill were then put through all stages expeditiously. The Public Works Committee Bill meet with general acceptance from all Senators, save Senator Stewart, who caustically observed that the Government's motive in bringing the measure forward was to give impecunious Liberal members decent billets. Ultimately the measure was passed, with an amendment that the proportion of members should be five members of the House of Representatives and three Senators, instead of six Representatives and three Senators. The remainder of the evening in the Senate was occupied by the discussion of the Estimates for the various departments, as contained in the schedule of the Appropriation Bill.

While the Senate worked the House of Representatives indulged in a long debate upon the bill to create an agricultural bureau. They finally sent it along to the Senate, who received it, and adjourned the debate until the following day. This means that the bill will be revived next session. As the lower Chamber was now waiting for the Senate to conclude the Estimates, the Prime Minister (Mr. Cook) gave Mr. Fisher an opportunity to move the Referendum Bills, which had been introduced by the Opposition in the Senate and rushed through. They contain the Constitutional amendment proposals, which the people rejected at the general elections in May. To a handful of members (the majority were speeding to their homes by train and steamer) Mr. Fisher addressed his remarks regarding the evils of trusts, combines, and so forth. When he concluded it became impossible to continue the debate or take a division. Mr. Fisher will be free to bring the bills forward during next session.

SMALLPOX.

HEALTH OFFICERS

BOARD'S APPRECIATION.

The Chief Secretary is in receipt of a resolution taken by the Board of Health at the meeting on December 16, which is to the effect that the board desires to place on record its high appreciation of the very valuable work of its president (Dr. Paton) and his staff in connection with the recent outbreak of smallpox in this State. The board is of opinion that very much credit is due to those officers for the successful management of the epidemic, the tactful methods adopted, and the entire absence of any friction or any public dissatisfaction.

NOT VACCINATED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the House of Representatives some time ago the Minister for Customs was asked if it was not a fact that a doctor at the quarantine station at North Head and some nurses who had been vaccinated had contracted smallpox. The Minister this morning stated that he had received the papers in connection with the matter from Sydney. It appeared that a doctor and four nurses had been suffering from the disease at North Head. These, however, were not on the station staff, but were attached to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and they had not been vaccinated until they had contracted the disease.

NEW ZEALAND'S POSITION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Complaints have been made that although reports have been received from New Zealand that the Dominion has been declared free from smallpox, nothing official has been intimated by the authorities there to the Director of Quarantine (Dr. Cumpston). This afternoon, when discussing the matter, Dr. Cumpston said that he had cabled three times for information, but had received no replies.

PENNY A WEEK.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Compensation at the rate of a penny a week was awarded by Mr. T. Mowbray, P.M., in the Central Summons Court to-day in a case under the Workers' Compensation Act. William Kennedy, the applicant, stated that Thomas Hirons, a contractor, the respondent, had paid him £3 in respect to the claim, and he sought to obtain an additional £1 a week from May 10 of the present year, to date, and thereafter until a lump sum was paid. The magistrate said he thought compensation paid should be enough. However, it would be well to keep the question open.

THE EMPEROR MENELIK.

AGAIN REPORTED DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Rumours are current in London that the Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, is dead.

The British Minister at Adis Ababa mentions that a similar report is current there.

INDRABARAH'S MEAT.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Salvage Association reports that the temperature of the meat chambers on the steamer Indrabarah, which recently grounded in the Suez Canal, was maintained at normal.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Parliament will reassemble on February 10.

Colonel Bjelke-Peterson will sail for Australia by the steamer Maloja. He delayed his departure for a fortnight at the suggestion of Mr. J. A. Pease, president of the Board of Education, in order to give a lecture to teachers in regard to physical culture in Australia. He will also interview Sir George Newman, chief medical officer to the Board of Education.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" states that the Nobel Prize for literature in 1914 will be granted to the veteran English novelist, Mr. Thomas Hardy.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.

The North German Lloyd's new steamer Columbus (41,800 tons) has been launched at Danzig. She will have a speed of 20 knots and accommodation for 2532 people.

VIENNA, Dec. 17.

Two men have been rescued from a colliery in the Divaga Gorz district, who had been entombed since the 9th instant, owing to an inrush of water. One corpse has also been found. Nine other men are entombed, but their rescue is now considered hopeless.

PANAMA EXPOSITION.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Panama Exposition Commissioners had an interview with the Premier yesterday, when Mr. Denham outlined to them the steps Queensland was prepared to take in connection with representation. Mr. Denham takes the view that the display should be an Australian one, and consequently that the Commonwealth should pay one half of the cash outlay. He informed the Commonwealth Government that if this was done his State would pay its proportion of the balance on a per capita basis. In addition the State is prepared to collect, forward, and freight their exhibits from the State, and have representation at the Exhibition.

ELECTIONS.

PREMIER AT BARRABA.

A STORMY NIGHT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

BARRABA, Thursday.

The Premier addressed a meeting of about 250 people, which filled the Mechanics' Institute, to-night, on behalf of Mr. M'Donald's candidature for Bingara. It was a wild night of wind and rain outside, and the Premier had to talk above the noise of the elements.

Mr. Holman said that Mr. M'Donald was one of the Labour recruits who displayed great promise for the future. But apart from the Labour candidate's personal qualities, he appealed to them upon the broad ground of the great advantages which were to be obtained by New South Wales from the adoption of the policy of the Government. (Applause.)

The Premier devoted himself principally to finance, declaring that the Labour expenditure had been wise, and that the Liberal Government had brought losses upon the farmers by "wickedly cutting down the railway estimates."

In his speech to-night Mr. Holman largely devoted himself to the subject of decentralisation. For the next ten years, he said, one of the principal aims of statesmanship in Australia would be to make life more tolerable and attractive for those in the country. The present Government had steadily aimed at that. "I am a country member myself," said Mr. Holman, "and I have some understanding of the disadvantages of my constituents. I have striven to remove them, and the Government will continue to do so. The country had an absolute right to the primitive elements of civilisation. The country settler has an absolute right to be near a railway, to be near a hospital, and to be near a school. The resident in a country town has a right to a water supply, to sanitation, and fighting equal to that enjoyed by the city dweller. Government action cannot secure for the country resident the dazzle and glamour of the city, and that, of course, will always attract a certain section, but the Government can secure him the elements of solid comfort and health. It can secure him chances of education for his children. It can decentralise education, and it can decentralise the administration of justice."

"Then the Government can do much by decentralising industries, and in the future we shall have to consider the establishment of a railway town for building locomotives. We can consider where this is to be—we are considering that now. We can consider fresh irrigation settlements. We have under consideration a great scheme on the Murray, and we will take into consideration another on the upper waters of the Darling. There are many millions acres of Crown lands still to be opened, and much land now open can be put under more intensive forms of cultivation by proper legislation. Closer settlement makes life in the country more tolerable. A man has neighbours. He is not isolated or lost. There is greater possibility of social life and social enterprise. With this and with improved education, we may hope for a cessation of the steady emigration from the country into the city, which is one of the most alarming features of the day."

"DEATH TO FREEHOLD."

LABOUR LAND POLICY.

MR. WADE AT TAMWORTH,

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

A large crowd assembled in the Theatre Royal here to-night to hear an address by the leader of the Opposition. The hall would doubtless have been filled had the rain which set in early this morning held off for a couple of hours. The farmers in this district welcome the rain, but it is feared that it will result in keeping many Liberals from the polling booths on Saturday.

Mr. Wade said that the electors should ask themselves whether the Labour policy was in the interest of the country people. (Hear, hear.) The State not only wanted more population—that population should be attracted to the interior rather than to the seaboard. (Applause.) But the experience of the last three years had been that the increasing population was attracted to Sydney. (Applause.) In connection with the development of the country, it should be remembered that nine years ago the Liberals passed an Act for the compulsory resumption of private estates. (Applause.) Several years ago Tamworth was a landlocked district, but, largely through the Liberal administration, those estates had been cut up, and the community had benefited. (Applause.) Under the Act to which he had referred, the Liberals had resumed 750,000 acres of private land, but during their three years of office the Labour party had not resumed a single acre. (Applause.) People were breaking their necks to get on to the land, but the Labour Ministry refused to open it up. (Applause.) If the people were land-hungry, and the Ministry refused to enable them to get land, how could it be argued that the Labour party had at heart the welfare of the community? (Applause.) The Resumption Act passed by the Liberals had been strangled by the Labour party. (Applause.) At election time Labour candidates paraded as the friends of the people; but in the interval they showed by their actions that they did not care a hang about them. The Labour party stood for leasehold and deadly to freehold. (Applause.) The country electors should remember that on the Saturday. If a man wanted a freehold, and was willing to pay for it, what right had any Government to deny him that right? (Applause.) Australia was a free country, and the Liberals would give every unit in the community perfect freedom of choice—freehold or leasehold. If a man started with leasehold, the Liberals would guarantee him the right to convert it into freehold land. (Applause.)

"DOESN'T KNOW HIS POLICY."

Mr. Holman was Premier of the State—(applause)—but there was one weak point about him—he did not know his own platform. Much travelling had evidently interfered with Mr. Holman's memory, because if he had been correctly reported the Premier had said he did not know the leasehold plank was on the platform. However, it was on the platform, and it was the first step towards land nationalisation.

"I wish to warn you of the dangers before you," said Mr. Wade. "It is only a question of time when the power behind the throne, the Trades Hall, the real Parliament, the real Ministry, will force the Government to carry out its programme, and one of the items on that programme is land nationalisation." (Applause.)

A voice: Who drives the Liberals?

Mr. Wade: The conscience of the people. (Applause.) Surely the country people would see that the action of the Ministry had not been in the interests of the man on the land, and would resolve to turn them down. (Applause.) It might be said that the Labour Ministry had a majority already, but it was important that the electorate should be represented by a man who would help the Ministry when it endeavoured to damage the interests of the country people. (Applause.)

"The battle is not over yet," he continued. "It will not be over till these five seats have been determined. We intend to make every post a winning post." (Applause.)

It remained for the five country electorates to say whether they were satisfied with the Labour party's shortage and the certainty of additional taxation. "You will have a rosy time later on." Give them three, six, or nine years of office if you like, but I hope you will be able to bear the burden. (Applause.) Your turn will come when you have to make good the shortage. And, remember, that whatever the tax is, it is always passed on, and everyone in the community feels it. (Applause.) That is why the question of State finance is so important to every man and woman in the community. (Applause.)

Mr. Wade was attentively listened to, and frequently applauded. There were a number of Labour sympathisers at the rear of the hall, but the meeting was most orderly.

Mr. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., was on the platform.

MR. WADE'S APPEAL.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The leader of the State Opposition (Mr. Wade), who is in Tamworth supporting the candidature of Mr. F. A. Chaffey (the selected Liberal candidate), makes the following appeal to electors in the five country constituencies in which second ballots are to be held:—

"On Saturday the five remaining country seats must make their choice for the new Parliament. The issues for determination have not been lessened in importance by the lapse of time. Your members will represent specially country interests. What have you to gain from the Labour-Socialist Ministry? They are hostile to freehold, and they have pledged themselves to a six-hour day and a minimum wage of 10s. They have starved the shires; they have already increased railway rates; and threatened heavier taxation for everybody. Victory for Labour-Socialism means a big stride towards seizing the increase of land values and land nationalisation. The Liberal policy, progressive, free, and just, will conserve country interests."

MR. TREFLE'S CLAIM.

PATRIOTIC POLICY.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

Mr. Trefle, Minister for Lands, to-day said:—"The result so far is a clear vindication of the honest, straightforward, patriotic policy of the Labour party. We did not, during this campaign, indulge in idle or vicious abuse of our opponents. We did not, in the language of Mr. Deakin, ask the people to return us to power upon a necklace of negatives. We depended upon the merits of the work performed by us during the past three years, and upon our constructive policy for the future. The people have told us by their vote that they are satisfied with what we have done, and that they are quite prepared to trust us for the next three years. The Tory party in this campaign has carried the misrepresentations of the Labour party to the greatest extreme yet witnessed in this State, where the Labour party did not have the means of counteracting this flood of falsehood. In thinly-populated large electorates little headway was made by our opponents, but in all centres of population, where reasonable men not thwart our democratic legislation in any serious way, and during the next three years we hope to place such a record of deeds done behind us as will place beyond all doubt the fixed and lasting confidence of the people behind our movement. Much remains to be done to secure the progressive enrolment of the electors of the State and something will be done to improve certain features of our electoral machinery, but as these reforms do not come within the scope of my department, I do not care to say more. The bulk handling system of wheat, and our two land bills now through the Lower House, will be pushed on with at once; and before we again appeal to the country the bona fide settler from one end of the State to the other will be forced to admit that the Labour party is the first genuine country party or producers' party which has ever ruled this State."

PROSPEROUS STATE.

ALBURY, Thursday.

Speaking at Albury last night Mr. Griffith, Minister for Works, said:—"Mr. Wade, in an interview with Sydney papers, draws consolation for his defeat from the expectation that the State is going to have a bad time financially. He rejoices over the fact that a lot of loan money will fall due during the term of the present Parliament, and that the State will, in consequence, be seriously embarrassed. This attitude is exactly typical of Mr. Wade. If he could only feel sure that during the next three years the State will in addition be parched with drought he would gloat over the consequent difficulties of the Government. Mr. Wade is the sort of man who would gladly see our industries perishing if all this would place him in a position to point out how the country had suffered during the reign of the Labour Government. The one thing that shows it to others oppresses his sympathetic soul is to find that after three years of Labour rule all classes in the State are in a more prosperous condition than ever before in our history."

MAITLAND SEAT.

IRREGULARITIES ALLEGED.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Mr. J. P. Fletcher, who unsuccessfully contested the Maitland seat with Major Nicholson in the Labour interest, intimates that he intends to petition against the Major's return, in consequence of alleged irregularities at some of the polling booths.

THE LABOUR VICTORY.

MR. FISHER'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Among the many letters of congratulation received by Mr. Holman, Premier, within the last few days is one from Mr. Fisher, ex-Prime Minister. Mr. Fisher says:—"I write to congratulate you and party on the result of the election. It surprised opponents and pleased friends. I hope the whole party will be united in the future, for in that way alone can we defeat the common enemy. I hope your health may not suffer under the strain of your office. Please convey to your colleagues the purport of above.

The Minister for Justice (Mr. Hall) left for Tumberumba last night to assist Mr. Cusack in his campaign. Mr. M'Gowen also left for the Albury electorate. He will speak at Albury to-night.

THE COUNTRY ELECTORATES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The fact that the Trades Hall socialists have captured so many of the city constituencies should prompt the electors at the second ballots in the country to vote solidly for Liberalism.

The countrymen must realise that the influence and pressure of the Trades Hall in politics will now be greater than ever. These city electorates which have been cajoled by promises to desert Liberalism will insist on having these promises honoured. Thus the Government have promised that they will not allow tram fares to be raised, even though the tramway system is not now paying its way. In similar manner they intervened when the Chief Commissioner was raising the railway fares, and insisted on one class—the workmen—being exempted from this rise. Then, again, they have pledged themselves to go on with the Fair Rents Bill, which, if passed into law, will so check building by private individuals in Sydney that the present congestion and overcrowding will be greatly intensified. There will also be widespread unemployment among the building trade artisans, and so the double hardship of increasing taxation will ultimately fall most heavily on the shoulders of the primary producer.

Mr. Holman is credited with having said at Tamworth last night "that during our three years of office the country population has outstripped the city population by a considerably greater percentage than was the rule under the Liberal Government."

This assertion is so contrary to the fact that it seems incredible that any one could have dared to make it. The Government Statistician's figures show that while in 1909 and 1910, the last two years of the Liberal Government, the population of Sydney increased by 30,000, or 15,000 per annum, in 1911 and 1912 under Trades Hall socialistic rule, the increase was 72,000, or 36,000 per annum.

Not only so, but during the first period the population of the rest of the State increased by 18,000 more than that of Sydney, while in the M'Gowen-Holman regime actually 400 more people settled in Sydney than in the whole of the rest of the State. How does Mr. Holman reconcile his statement with these figures? Finally, is not the claim put forward by Mr. Holman that his Government has favoured decentralisation the merest bluff?

Has a single member, either of the Government or the Caucus, ever raised their voice in favour of Port Stephens, in the development of which lies the hope of most of the northern half of this State? They dare not do so for fear of offending the Newcastle representatives in the Caucus, and the electors of Tamworth and Bingara should realise that they will be permanently sacrificed so that Newcastle may be conciliated.

I am, etc., RICHARD ARTHUR.

RAIN IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Serviceable rain, steady in nature, over a large area, was reported to-day from the south-western districts and parts of the Darling Downs, where thunderstorms were also experienced. The falls apparently range from a quarter of an inch near the coast to as much as a couple of inches inland. Heavy rain has fallen in parts of the north. Altogether a large area of the State experienced a welcome break in the long dry spell.

CASUALTIES.

DAIRY MANAGER POISONED.

Yesterday, at 11 a.m., the Civil Ambulance took Alfred Gerbet, 23, a dairy manager, from his home in Elliott-street, Balmain. He was suffering from the effects of poisoning. At Balmain Hospital Gerbet was admitted in a serious condition.

A WOMAN'S STARTLING SURPRISE.

Before lunch yesterday a woman admitted William Barry, 50, of Simmons-street, Enmore, to her house, in Adelaide-street, Surry Hills. He had come from Lansetter's to mend her stove. Shortly afterwards she went out. On her return, about 1.30 p.m., she was startled to find Barry lying dead in the middle of the kitchen.

The Civil Ambulance took deceased to Sydney Hospital, whence he was removed to the morgue.

FARMER'S SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

PARKES, Thursday.

P. H. Simons, farmer, while driving his team home to his farm at Coobang, had his horses frightened by a passing motor cycle, and they bolted. The waggon collided with a large tree and was smashed. One horse was killed instantly. Simons had his left arm broken.

RAILWAY WORKER INJURED.

MAITLAND, Thursday.

A young man named John Shelton, a Russian, employed on the railway works at Allandale, fell from an overhead bridge a distance of 50ft on to the railway line to-day, and sustained serious injuries to the head. He was admitted to the Maitland Hospital in an unconscious state, and his condition is critical.

SHUNTER'S LEG AMPUTATED.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

Henry Brown, 36, residing at Corlette-street, Cook's Hill, was run over by a coal waggon and seriously injured at Port Waratah this afternoon. He was wearing an oilskin coat, and was stooping between two waggons to uncouple them when the wheel of one caught the tail of his coat and dragged him down. The wheel passed over his right leg and badly crushed one of his arms. Upon being removed to the hospital it was found necessary to amputate the leg just below the knee.

SHATTERED LEG.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

H. Lively, 23, working at the Radium Hill mine, Olary, S.A., was brought to Broken Hill last night and admitted to the hospital. Whilst attending the roasters he hit or trod on an unexploded fractour charge. One leg was shattered and the other injured. The hospital surgeons this afternoon amputated the shattered limb, and the young man is getting on satisfactorily.

AN AUSTRIAN KILLED.

PERTH, Thursday.

An Austrian, Joseph Poskovan, while working at a sand dump at the Oroya Black Range mine, Sandstone, became jambed between a loaded truck and some timber yesterday. He died from the injuries.

BUILDERS' LABOURERS.

MR. JUSTICE HIGGINS'S AWARD.

"SPEAKING TO THE MINUTES."

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Arbitration Court to-day the plaint of the Builders' Labourers' Federation against the master builders of the different States was called on, before Mr. Justice Higgins, in order to allow the parties to "speak to the minutes" of the award announced by his Honor on Tuesday last.

Mr. Millard, on behalf of the federation, said:—Under the award of Mr. Justice Hood men in Melbourne were receiving 10s 8d per day. Your Honor has made it 10s 4d. The men are, therefore, suffering a reduction. We ask your Honor to at least make it 10s 6d per day.

The President: My award was based on the figures of the Government Statistician in respect to the cost of living. I fixed the Melbourne wage at 10s 4d, and the Sydney wage at 9s per day, on the ground that the cost of living was dearer in Sydney than in Melbourne. There need be no reduction. I am only fixing the rate.

Mr. Millard: It means that 75 per cent. of the men in Melbourne suffer a reduction.

The President: The wages board decision in the matter has been suspended. I am dealing with a trade in which there is absolutely a clean slate. The evidence was that a Melbourne man can buy as much for 8s 4d as a Sydney man can for 9s. Therefore I give the Sydney employees 1s ¼ a day, and those in Melbourne 10s 4d a day. That only equalises matters.

Mr. Maddern, on behalf of the South Australian employers, objected to the hours, and also to the excessive rates of pay ordered in the award. He suggested that the hours of from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., instead of from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., instead of from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Millard objected to any change in the hours. The men did not want to work after 5 p.m.

Mr. Maddern asked that the application of the award should be deferred in connection with some large contracts, which were in hand, and which would not be finished for many months.

The president said he would think over providing a sliding scale or suspending application in some cases for three months.

Mr. Richards, for the New South Wales employers, said that the award would give an increase of 37½ per cent. above that of six years ago.

The President: That is a statement I cannot allow to be made. It is simply made for position without proof.

Mr. Richards: We never thought the claims of the Sydney men would be granted in full. The minimum rate in 1909 was 8s a day. The employers affected by the award will be tendering against those who are not affected by it, and who will be paying lower wages. The alteration to 44 hours a week will increase the cost, and labourers will be working alongside mechanics, who have to put in a 48 hours' week.

The further hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

SENATE ATTENDANCES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Of the 34 days on which the Senate sat Mr. Ferricks, one of the Queensland Labour men, attended on exactly two. The record for each member was:—Bakhap, 28; Barker, 34; Barnes, 24; Blackey, 33; Buzacott, 31; Clemons, 34; De Largie, 34; Ferricks, 2; Findley, 33; Gardiner, 19; Givens, 34; Gould, 26; Guthrie, 25; Henderson, 27; Keating, 20; Long, 33; Lynch, 11; Maughan, 22; McColl, 29; McDougall, 27; M'Gregor, 31; Millen, 32; Mullan, 33; Needham, 34; Newland, 30; Oakes, 17; O'Keefe, 33; O'Loghlin, 28; Pearce, 30; Rae, 28; Ready, 33; Russell, 32; Senior, 30; Stewart, 30; Story, 31; Turley, 30.

MAIL TRAIN AND CART.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The express train, while proceeding to Hobart to-day, collided with a milk cart owned by D. Fawkner, at Newstead level crossing. The horse was killed, but the occupants of the cart escaped serious injury.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 18.

Oroules, R.M.S., 9052 tons, Captain Staunton, from London, via ports. David Reid, agent.

Paul, Ger. 4-m bq, 1968 tons, Captain Kruser, from Tacoma. American Trading Company, agents.

Montara, s, 4307 tons, Captain Mortimer, from Singapore, via ports. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Palcona, s, 2770 tons, Capt. Macbeth, from Hobart. Union S.S. Co., Ltd., agents.

Grantala, s, 3656 tons, Capt. Brissenden, from Cairns, via ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Lasmorco, s, 3700 tons, Capt. Rees, from Port Pirie. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Sussex, s, 5088 tons, Capt. Jarvis, from Liverpool, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Birt and Co., Ltd., agents.

Marloo, s, 2028 tons, Captain Provo, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Mallina, s, 3211 tons, Captain Smith, from Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Century, s, 2219 tons, Captain E. A. Downie, from Melbourne. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.

COASTWISE.—Grara, s, from Byron Bay; Kyogle, s, from the Clarence River; Hunter, s, Bellbourie, s, and Lubra, s, from Newcastle; Wallamah, s, from Catherine Hill Bay; Courabyr, s, Wandra, s, Kiltobranks, s, and Tarabar, s, from the North Coast; Malachite, s, Eden, s, Kiama, s, Merimbula, s, Coomonderry, s, Wonicora, s, Illilawara, s, Dunmore, s, Bergs, s, and Bellambi, s, from the South Coast.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 18.

Levuka, s, for Fiji.

Induna, s, for Newcastle.

Tarcoola, s, for Port Pirie, via Newcastle.

Forenic, s, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

Maungatua, barque, for Lyttelton, via Grafton.

Mount Stewart, sh, for Channel.

Kakapo, s, for Newcastle.

Makura, R.M.S., for Vancouver, via ports.

Annaberg, s, for Brisbane.

Anglo-Egyptian, s, for Newcastle and Brisbane.

Janus, s, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 19.

Brisbane, s, for Antwerp and Hamburg, via Java ports; Grantala, s, for Melbourne; Gosford, s, for Gosford, Wyong, and Brisbane Waters; Coolana, s, for the Tweed River; Erringhi, s, for the Hawkesbury River and all branches, Newport, and Pittwater; Karuah, s, for Port Stephens, Bulahdelah, Myall Lakes, Gloucester, Stroud, and Booral; Kallawatta, s, for the Hawkesbury River, Newport, all Pittwater, and Mangrove; Duranbah, s, for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Newcastle, s, for Newcastle; Kiltobranks, s, for the Richmond River.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 18.

Kakapo, s, 1561 tons, Captain Allen, for Beauty Point, Devonport, and Burnie, via Newcastle.

Anglo-Egyptian, s, 7307 tons, Captain Greenhill, for Newcastle and Brisbane.

Hurunui, s, 3001 tons, Captain Smith, for Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Dunedin.

Hawkhead, s, 4722 tons, Captain Haut, for Port Pirie, in continuation of voyage.

Boonkamp, bq, 1948 tons, Captain Botvin, for Falmouth.

The Union Company's steamer Atua sailed at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, from Suva, with 23,000 bunches and 2000 cases of bananas, as well as a quantity of copra and general cargo.

The Karitane sailed from Strahan at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, for Sydney, via Devonport.

The Australasian United S.S. Company's steamer Wear, s, and Koonsia, s, from Hobart. Dep: Dec. 18, Alabama, s, for Hamburg.

The Burrumbeet left Melbourne on Wednesday, and is expected to arrive in Hobart to-day.

The Corio left Catherine Hill Bay on Wednesday, with a coal cargo for Adelaide, where she will be due on Monday.

The Victoria is expected to leave Wellington, N.Z., to-day, and to arrive at Sydney on Tuesday next.

The Werribee is expected at Sydney on Monday, with a coal cargo from Geelong.

The Wimmera leaves Hobart on Saturday, and will be due at Sydney on Monday.

The steamer Cairns left Adelaide yesterday in ballast for Port Kembla.

The steamer Zealandia will arrive at Sydney on Monday from Newcastle, via ports.

The Aberdeen and Themistocles, which was due from Melbourne to-morrow, will not now arrive in Sydney until Sunday morning.

According to a private telegram received in Sydney, the steamer Matunga arrived at Cooktown from Port Moresby on Wednesday.

The N.Y.K. liner Nikko Maru arrived at Melbourne at 7.5 a.m. yesterday. She will leave here on her outward voyage at noon on Christmas Eve, instead of 4 p.m., as previously announced.

A ship was over 70 miles east of South Head, passing north, at 5.40 p.m. yesterday.

MOVEMENTS OF OVERSEA VESSELS.

Palermo, s (P. and O. line), arrived at London on Monday evening from Australian ports.

Hawkes Bay, s (Tyser line), sailed from London on Tuesday last for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports.

Icon, G.M.S. (N. D. L. line), arrived at Colombo from Australia on Wednesday afternoon.

WIRELESS FROM KAROOLA.

A wireless message was received late last night from the steamer Karoola, en route from Western Australia, between Melbourne and Sydney, intimating that she would berth at No. 4 wharf, Miller's Point, between 5.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. to-day.

WIRELESS FROM CANBERRA.

The Australian Steamships (Ltd.) steamer Canberra, according to a wireless message received yesterday, will berth at the company's wharf, foot of king-street,

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

OCKS AND SHARES.

moderate turnover was experienced on ge yesterday, chiefly at late prices. ctions on late rates were:—

RISE.		FALL.	
Gas ...	1/3	Balmain N. Ferry ...	/3
		Aust. Mar. Fibres ...	/3
		Bowron Bros. ...	/2

ing quotations were:—

	Price.							Yield to Investor.
...gney.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last dividend (or interim).	Last Sales.	Buyers.	Sellers.		
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...ver 1919				10	97	98		
...ver 1925				10	100	101		
...ver 1927				4	98			
BANKS.	40	40	15	117	117			
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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The declaration of forfeits for the A.J.C. Villiers Stakes and Summer Cup yesterday leaves 24 in the former and 26 in the latter. The most notable withdrawals from the mile race were My Gavonni, Alured, Hartfell, Mait Mary, Relievo, Soultoria, Firm, Nuwarra Illya, Abbcite, Alfred Jackson, Noogilla, Lady Denman, and Virginie; but with two dozen acceptors, among whom are Gigandra, Posinatus, Maltchester, the Queensland crack Pongo, Golden Hop, Malthusian, Willow Green, Sir Willie, Popinjay, King Mostyn, Border King, First Principle, Crosska, and Tartanus, the field will be of good proportion, and the contest most interesting. The affections from the Summer Cup include My Gavonni, Willow Green, Golden Hop, Britain, Atora, Riverbird, King Mostyn, Border King, First Principle, and a number of others, who will not be missed; while the acceptors include Posinatus and Relieve, who finished first and second respectively in the Melbourne Cup last month, Alured, Hallowmas, Pongo, Electrakoff, Soultorin, Firm, Limelight, Matouree, Didus, Elystan, Kilmeadon, Crown Grant, Phosphorus, N.S.W., Tartanus, Miss Legation, and Canaque.

With 44 and 41 acceptors respectively for the Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup, large fields may be anticipated for the two principal events of Tattersall's Club annual race meeting at Randwick on the 27th inst. and New Year's Day, and in each good racing talent is engaged. Among the horses that have cried content for the big sprint race of the summer are such speedy customers as Gigandra, Mait Mary, Maltchester, Golden Hop, Sir Willie, Popinjay, Nuwara Illya, Abbcite, Alfred Jackson, Ruby Hampton, Athenic, Former, Lady Denman, and La Fiancee. The imported mare, Irish Mist, who was recently successful at Melbourne, is numbered among the acceptors, and she will in all probability make the trip across. Posinatus and Relieve are among the acceptors for Tattersall's Club Cup, and other good horses that have also escaped the scratching pen are Alured, Hallowmas, Electrakoff, Britain, Soultoria, Matouree, Didus, Elystan, King Mostyn, Parlow, Crown Grant, Irish Figure, N.S.W., Tartanus, and Miss Legation. The Queensland lander Pongo has held his engagements, and Gigandra also figures among the candidates for the mile and a half race. Doubtless the list will be considerably reduced before the final summons is issued, but there is plenty of material to furnish a large field with every prospect of a good finish.

The new additions to the A.J.C. local rules of racing, adopted yesterday, give the stewards authority to take possession on a racecourse of any horse that may be entered for or run in any race and detain such horse for identification or observation for such period as they may think proper, without becoming liable for any damage in consequence of the exercise of such powers or otherwise."

"122a. After a horse has left the weighing enclosure, or such enclosure or place as is mentioned in the next preceding rule, to proceed to the starting post, no owner, trainer, or other person connected with such horse shall, except by leave of the stewards, judge, or starter, call back or speak to its jockey or rider, or touch or interfere with such horse or any of its equipments."

AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING.

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

During the V.R.C. Spring Meeting last month a conference of delegates from the principal clubs was held at the office of the V.R.C., and several amendments and alterations were made in the Australian "Rules of Racing," the text of which has been furnished by the A.J.C. the committee of which yesterday adopted them.

In connection with the interpretation of "disqualified" or "disqualification," clause (c) has been altered to read "as regards a person or horse disqualified by any club other than a principal club, until such disqualification has been disallowed or removed by the committee of the principal club disabilities shall attach and be applicable so far as they relate to or upon the course whereon such disqualification was imposed." The rule regarding registered meeting or registered race meeting was amended by the addition "and as regards race meetings held outside the Commonwealth means any race meetings held under the rules of a club recognised or affiliated with a principal club." Clause (a) of the rule concerning the registration of racehorses has been amended by providing "that the name of any foal or yearling which has been entered for any race shall be registered at least 30 days before the date of any particular race in which it is proposed to start it. Unless its name shall have been so registered the entry for that particular race shall be void, but the owner or nominator shall nevertheless be liable for the stakes and forfeits." Provided further that the committee may from time to time, by resolution, dispense with such registration in the case of horses entered outside the Commonwealth for any particular race. The word "suspicious" was struck out of several clauses, and the word "improper" inserted. The following is the new rule with regard to running in heats:—"No race shall be run in heats. Provided, however, that with the object of preventing accidents by limiting the number of starters, the committee may, on such terms and conditions as they may prescribe allow, and may, on such terms and conditions and under such circumstances as they may from time to time prescribe, authorise the stewards to allow any race to be divided into two races, and may direct the committee of the club holding the race meeting at which such race to be divided is run, to add to the stake an amount not exceeding the original amount for such race."

In the matter of jockeys' fees, in the absence of special agreement, the following must be paid:—For a winning mount on the flat, when the value of the prize to the winner does not exceed £50, 10s and 5 per cent. of such value; when the value of the prize exceeds £50 but does not exceed £100, £3. For a losing mount on the flat, when the value of the prize does not exceed £30, 10s; £30 to £100, £1; when the value of the prize exceeds £100, £2. For a winning mount in a hurdle race or steeplechase, when the value of the prize to the winner does not exceed £50, £2 and 5 per cent. of such value; £50 to £100, £5; £100 to £200, £10; £200 to £300, £20; when the value of the prize exceeds £300, 10 per cent. thereof. For a losing mount in a hurdle race or steeplechase, prize not exceeding £50, £1; £50 to £100, £3; £100 to £300, £5; over £300, £8.

Rule 163 provides that "at any meeting of delegates convened under rule 162 any delegate or delegates may represent one or more principal clubs, and for the purpose of deciding any question arising at any meeting the delegate or delegates representing the respective clubs shall be entitled to the number of votes mentioned in the following scale: For the Australian Jockey Club and Victoria Racing Club, seven votes for each club; for the South Australian Jockey Club and the Western Australian Turf Club, three votes for each club; for the Queensland Turf Club, two votes; for the Central Queensland Racing Association, North Queensland Racing Association, Tasmanian Turf Club, and Tasmanian Racing Club, one vote for each association or club."

TENTERFIELD JOCKEY CLUB.

TENTERFIELD, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Tenterfield Jockey Club it was announced that 70 entries had been received for the Boxing Day meeting, and that stabling promised to exceed all meeting. The nominations for the two principal races are:—

Opening Handicap.—Rendale, Wendoon, Coominya, Mait Mary, Lady Denman, Zinto, Eocene, Renalra, Brave Queen, Heart, and Crosska.

Stand Handicap.—Black Prince, Coominya, E.J.W., Last Serious, Lady Postillion, Coolangoora, Crougi, Stan.

GRAFTON JOCKEY CLUB.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The following nominations have been received for the race meeting of the Grafton Jockey Club on Boxing Day and the following day:—

Opening Handicap: Noble Claris, Alvista, Wilhelm, Narbo, Tuckombil, Niola.

Second Handicap: Handsome, 6f.—Miss Pompous, Hart, Cash, Balarue, Zarman, Sylvanilla.

Boxing Day Handicap: Alvista, Narbo, Brother Jack, La Belle.

Trial Handicap: Side Star, Miss Pompous, Tridentia, Confidence, Woodcote, Coolee, Famous King.

Welter Handicap: Lord Renton, Noble Claris, Narbo, Koorooman, Bee Pardon, Tuckombil, Lady Balfour.

Welter Handicap: Side Star, Miss Pompous, Vellone, Wilhelm, Novus, Homa, Brother Jack, Niola.

Second Trial Handicap: Lord Renton, Narbo, Koorooman, Tuckombil, Niola.

Second Novice Handicap: Side Star, Miss Pompous, Tridentia, Confidence, Hard Cash, Balarue, Marman, Famous King, Sylvanilla.

Christmas Handicap: Noble Claris, Alvista, Wilhelm, Brother Jack, Lady Balfour, La Belfour.

Ballroh Handicap: Bee Pardon, Tridentia, Novus, Homa, Tuckombil, Brother Jack, Niola.

Southampton Handicap: Lord Renton, Noble Claris, Narbo, Koorooman, Bee Pardon, Lord Kenley, Zarman, Lady Balfour, Niola.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES FOR MIDSUMMER HANDICAPS.

The following remain in the principal events of forfeit.

DECEMBER MEETING.

VILLIERS STAKES.—1m.

	st lb		st lb
Gigandra	9 12	Brattle	8 1
Posinatus	9 12	King Mostyn	7 7
Maltchester	8 11	Havard	7 7
Pongo	8 11	Border King	7 5
Golden Hop	8 11	First Principle	7 5
Malthusian	8 10	Royal Laddie	7 4
Willow Green	8 10	Crosska	7 3
Sir Willie	8 8	Corodill	7 2
Popinjay	8 5	Multum in Parvo	7 1
Limelight	8 5	Tartanus	7 0
Manilowa	8 3	Odist	6 9
Woolerina	8 1	Eynsford	6 9

SUMMER MEETING.

SUMMER CUP.—1m 5f.

	st lb		st lb
Posinatus	9 9	Kilmeadon	7 4
Alured	9 3	Barlow	7 4
Hallowmas	9 2	Uverra Grant	7 3
Pongo	8 10	Phosphorus	7 3
Electrakoff	8 8	Hallmark	7 0
Soultoria	8 4	Corodill	7 0
Firm	8 4	Irish Figure	7 0
Limelight	8 3	N.S.W.	6 11
Matouree	8 2	Tartanus	6 11
Relove	8 0	Miss Legation	6 11
Didus	7 13	Alf Green	6 7
Mandowa	7 13	Grail	6 7
Elystan	7 13	Blueberry	6 7
Rovigno	7 9	Adgio	6 7
Parlow	7 7	Duke Alwynne	6 7
King Mostyn	7 7		

WOLLAR RACE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

HOLPAN WINS J.C. HANDICAP.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

The annual race meeting of the Wollar Race Club was held yesterday, and was the most successful that the club has yet held. The fields were large and the racing good. Mr. Higgins, assistant steward to the W.D.R.A., was in attendance, as also was Mr. Fraser, the handicapper to the W.D.R.A. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 2 miles.—Messrs. Bet (Trumble), 1; Opening Handicap, 2 miles.—Messrs. Bet (Trumble), 1; Gryngalla, 2nd 12lb (Evans), 2; Pharala, 8st 5lb (Imber), 3. Other starters: Lady Vanity, 9st 10lb; Loch Blue, 8st. Betting: Even money on Lady Vanity, 2 to 1 each v Messrs. Gryngalla, and Pharala, 3 to 1 v Loch Blue. Won easily. Time, 3m 19s.

First Hack Race, 6f.—Flavedo, 9st 5lb (Imber), 1; Prosecutor, 8st 9lb (Cusack), 2; Miss Sixpence, 8st 4lb (Anstin), 3. Other starters: Mava, 8st 2lb; Hampero, 8st 10lb; True Esther, 7st 7lb; Mudgee, 7st 7lb. Betting: Even money on Flavedo, 2 to 1 v Prosecutor, 4 to 1 v Miss Sixpence, 5 to 1 v Mava, 6 to 1 v Hampero, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 53s.

Wollar Jockey Club Handicap, 1m.—Holpan, 8st 2lb (Imber), 1; Stargrift, 8st (Davis), 2; Musora, 8st 2lb (Tinman), 3. Other starters: Greysmith, 9st 7lb; Wollar, 8st 4lb. Betting: Even money on Greysmith, 2 to 1 v Musora, 3 to 1 each v Holpan and Wollar, 4 to 1 v Stargrift. Won by a length. Time, 1m 46s.

Second Hack Race, 6f.—Flavedo, 10st 2lb (Imber), 1; Loch Blue, 10st 11b (Davis), 2; Lady Roy, 9st 4lb (Daniels), 3. Other starters: Devilop, 8st 2lb; Judge C., 8st; Wraffle, 7st 12lb. Betting: Even money on Flavedo, 2 to 1 each Loch Blue and Lady Roy, 5 to 1 v others. Won comfortably. Time, 1m 20 4-5s.

Final Handicap, 7f.—Pharala, 8st 5lb (Imber), 1; Wollar, 8st 10lb (McKenzie), 2; Greysmith, 9st 12lb (Evans), 3. Other starters: Stargrift, 9st 2lb; Musa, 7st; Prosecutor, 7st 5lb. Betting: Even money on Stargrift, 2 to 1 each v Pharala and Greysmith, 3 to 1 v Wollar, 5 to 1 each v Mava and Prosecutor. Won easily. Time, 1m 35s.

NYNGAN JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

NYNGAN, Thursday.

The following weights have been declared for the annual races at Nyngan on the 26th and 27th inst.:—

Opening Handicap.—Mazanet, 9st 12lb; Veronite, 9st 11lb; Pixpan, 9st 2lb; Aperima, 8st 12lb; Munna, 8st 10lb; Splinterwood, 8st 6lb; Invadessa, 8st 6lb; Tipster, 8st 4lb; Extravagant, 8st 4lb; Simonian, 8st 2lb; Jurtax, 8st; Amileorn, 7st 7lb; Bay Hornet, 7st 7lb; Dorlyn, 7st 7lb.

Boxing Day Handicap.—Mazanet, 9st 12lb; Green Flag, 8st 12lb; Aperima, 8st 10lb; Hedera, 8st 9lb; Tipster, 8st 2lb; Master Paul, 8st 2lb; Edinburgh, 7st 12lb; Warwin, 7st 9lb; Dorlyn, 7st 7lb.

N.S.W. Handicap.—Mazanet, 9st 12lb; Pixpan, 9st; Green Flag, 9st 10lb; Aperima, 9st 10lb; Hedera, 9st 8lb; Tipster, 8st 8lb; Master Paul, 8st 2lb; Edinburgh, 7st 12lb; Warwin, 7st 9lb; Dorlyn, 7st 7lb.

GOLF.

MANLY CLUB.

The following holiday programme has been drawn up by the Manly club:—

From December 20 to January 1: Continuous stroke handicap will be played, aggregate two best cards. December 25: Morning—18 holes stroke handicap. Afternoon—4-ball best ball bogey handicap. January 1: Morning—18 holes bogey handicap. Afternoon—4-ball best ball stroke handicap.

The above competitions are open to visiting members.

BALLINA CLUB.

Competitions in connection with the closing of the season resulted as follow:—

Men's Drive.—A. Epps, 196yds; J. W. Mills, 182yds.

Men's Approach.—F. B. Kenane, 1; Judge Hamilton, 4.

Men's Putt.—R. L. Andrewes.

Ladies' Drive.—Mrs. Sanderson, 164yds; Miss Andrewes, 153yds.

Ladies' Approach.—Miss Sanderson, 1; Miss Andrewes, 2.

Ladies' Putt.—Miss Kenane.

The club championship was won by R. L. Andrewes; the associates championship by Mrs. Sanderson; and the Northern Rivers' lady championship by Miss Andrewes.

LEURA CLUB.

Bogey Competition.

A. Hill (6), 2 up.

C. V. Cobcroft (18), 3 down.

Dr. D. Thomas (7), 4 down.

R. J. A. Roberts (6), 5 down.

BOWLS.

PARRAMATTA v VICTORIA PARK.

Played at Parramatta on Wednesday, and won by the local team.

	P.	V.P.
Clark, Waugh, Straub, Litton	27	—
C. Purves, Bell, Bladwell, Thorne	25	24
Coates, Mograver, Quigley, Mory	25	—
George, Keam, Gould, Hogue	—	23
Totals	92	47

PETERSHAM v MARRICKVILLE.

The presidents of the above clubs arranged a four-rink match for Wednesday, Messrs. Booth and Wall selecting their own teams. The venue this time was Petersham, and a return will be played at Marrickville. Scores:—

	P.	M.
Holmes, M'Ewan, Strong, Booth	21	—
M'Donald, Downes, Elsten, Wall	—	36
Jones, Ferrall, Scarl, Bennett	27	—
A. M'Coy, Carmichael, Donnelly, Wolford	—	28
Morrison, R. H. Bond, Hilliard, Yeo	26	—
Emery, M'Lean, Bradshaw, M'Gee	—	35
Tate, Johnston, C. Smith, O'Neill	35	—
M'Causland, Middleton, M'Intosh, Griffiths	—	24
Totals	110	91

ST. GEORGE v PETERSHAM.

Played at Petersham.

	St. G.	P.
Morris, Gibb, Mann, Wyatt	28	—
Jerner, Rofe, Jensen, Laverack	—	21
Sterling, Crosher, Honeyfield, Kenwood	27	—
Welch, F. Tyler, Mortley, T. C. Davis	—	28
Totals	55	49

LAWN TENNIS.

COUNTRY WEEK.

The committee controlling the country week event met yesterday, and arranged the programme of team matches which principally that the events shall commence on January 7 and terminate on January 31. Matches between C. Rosenthal and metropolitan teams will follow. In the men's matches each team will have 31 matches, exclusive of the semi-finals and finals. The ladies' teams will each have five contests. The teams selected have been divided for the preliminary rounds as follow:—

MEN'S TEAMS.

Division I: Armidale, Bathurst, Barraba, Tamworth, Glen Innes, Inverell, Moree, Quirindi, Gunnedah, Gilgandra, Dubbo, Parkes, Orange, Auburn, Katoomba, Parramatta, Richmond River, Trundle, Wagga.

Division II: Barraba, L., Broken Hill, Buddabadah, Cowra, Dubbo B., Goulburn, Inverell, Molong, Parkes, Terrible Vale, Trundle, Tumut, Young.

LADIES' TEAMS.

Division I: Armidale B., Bathurst, Goulburn, Lithgow, Orange (Excelsior), Tenterfield L.

Division II: Armidale, Orange (Albert Park), Richmond River, Rydal, Tenterfield B., Wellington.

NYNGAN, Thursday.

The following team has been chosen to represent Buddabadah Club during the week's work at Sydney:—J. Logan, E. Eldston, G. and P. Perry.

WOLLONGONG CONGREGATIONAL v TEACHERS.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

A match was played yesterday between Wollongong Congregational Club and Sydney Teachers.

Sharp-Cramer (W.) v Abraham-Hawke (S.T.), 6-6; Sharp-Cramer v Barnes-Hobbs, 6-6; Sharp-Cramer v Barnes-Hobbs, 6-6; Sheppard-Thomas v Abrahams-Hawke, 6-1; Oliver-W. Sheppard v Davies-Hawke, 3-6; Cramer-Dwyer v Davies-Abraham, 6-6; Dwyer-Sharp v Barnes-Hobbs, 3-6; Sheppard-Thomas v Abraham-Hawke, 6-3; Dwyer-Oliver v Sheppard-Davies, 2-6; Sheppard-Cramer v Barnes-Abraham, 0-4; Thomas-Sharp v Hawke-Hobbs, 6-5; Oliver-Dwyer v W. Sheppard-Davies, 3-6; Sheppard-Thomas v Barnes-Hobbs, 4-6. Sheppard-Thomas won, 7 games to 6; Wollongong Congregational, 6 sets to 5 games.

CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The first Sheffield shield match of the season, and the first-to-fourth engagement between New South Wales and South Australia, will commence at noon to-day at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Victor Trumper will lead the home side, and probably F. R. Mayne will have charge of the visitors. Webster, who was chosen as wicket-keeper for New South Wales, is again unavailable, and his place will be taken by C. M'Kew, of Glebe. Following are the teams:—

New South Wales.—Trumper (captain), W. Bardsley, C. G. Macartney, C. Kelleway, H. Davis, T. J. Andrews, B. J. Folkard, A. A. Mailey, H. L. A. Mamie, E. P. Barbour, C. M'Kew, and L. L. Collins.

South Australia.—E. R. Mayne, J. N. Crawford, H. Bridgman, R. F. Middleton, Gehrs, L. Brown, T. Winser, W. J. Whitty, L. W. Chamberlain, P. D. Rundell, A. G. Moyes.

Umpires: W. Curran and A. C. Jones.

NEW ZEALAND v QUEENSLAND.

The New Zealanders, after two runaway country victories, will commence their first important match today against Queensland at Brisbane. The game is limited to three days, but the result should provide some idea of the visitors' capabilities.

NEW SOUTH WALES v NEW ZEALAND.

Messrs. W. C. French and J. Galens have been appointed umpires for the match between New South Wales and New Zealand, which will commence on Boxing Day.

SECOND GRADE TEAM v TEACHERS.

A match will be played on Monday at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 between a second grade team and one chosen from the school teachers. Play will commence at 10.30. The following will represent Teachers:—W. C. Bull (captain), A. D. Watson, E. G. Holley, Williams (Waverley), Williams (Middle Harbour), J. Anderson, W. Gregory, Thornton, W. Garry, — Kippax, and B. Russell. The umpires are W. Mitchell and R. Wallace.

TEAMS FOR THE COUNTRY.

The following players will be included in the teams to visit the country week:—Christmas holidays—Fox, Bathurst; H. A. Maclean, vice Moore. For Maitland: D. Gee, W. Grace, W. H. Unsworth, and J. D. Scott, vice McElhone, Anderson, Law, and Sadler. For Goulburn: Heathcote, B. Stafford, Taylor, and Edinburgh, 7st 12lb; Warwin, 7st 9lb; Dorlyn, 7st 7lb.

MARTIN SHIELD MATCHES.

The "Martin Shield" matches in connection with the New South Wales Junior Cricket Union will be played on Boxing and New Year Days. Western Suburbs Association and North Sydney Association have each won the shield twice, and if again successful this year the shield will become the property of that association. Following is the draw and umpires.

Boxing Day.

A Division.

Western Suburbs Churches v North Sydney, North Sydney Oval, No. 1; umpires, Messrs. Priddy and Nicland. Parramatta v Moore Park, S.C.G. No. 2; umpires, Messrs. Seely and Auld.

B Division.

Eastern Suburbs v Balmain, Birchgrove No. 1; umpires, Messrs. Hollis and Tyrrell. Western Suburbs v Centennial Park, Redfern Oval; Messrs. T. V. Williams and Vose.

New Year's Day.

A Division.

Western Suburbs Churches v Moore Park, Marrickville Oval; umpires, Messrs. P. T. Williams and Thrupp. Parramatta v North Sydney, Parramatta Oval; umpires, Messrs. Bennett and Vose.

B Division.

Eastern Suburbs v Centennial Park, Sydney Grammar School Oval; umpires, Messrs. Messner and Cooper. Balmain v Western Suburbs, Drummoyne Oval; umpires, Messrs. Callaway and Ware.

The following team will represent the Moore Park and Association against the Parramatta Association and the Western Suburbs Churches' Union, at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, and Marrickville Oval, on Boxing and New Year's Days respectively:—Carroll (captain), Carroll, J. Kerwick (Petersham Emporium), A. Reid (Ultimo), R. Cox (Sydney Junior "A"), L. A. Reid (Ultimo), R. Cox (Sydney Junior "A"), Chambers (St. David's), Nichols (Sydney Junior "B"), Chambers (St. David's), S. Boas (Victoria Park), J. Sheehy, F. Moreland, A. E. Boas (Victoria Park), J. Sheehy, F. Moreland, A. E. Quinsey (Wanderers), J. Gleeson (Transway), 12th, H. Devine (K. in Scratton), 13th.

POST AND TELEGRAPH v EASTERN EXTENSION.

Post and Telegraph Club defeated Eastern Extension Cable Company by two runs at the Redfern Oval. Eastern Extension, 117 (D. Grieve 36, Flatout 28, Macarthy 21); Post and Telegraph, 119 (Parrell 42, Vinsy 30, Teesdale 11). Bowling: Burgess five; Achurch and Vinsy two wickets each for the winners, and C. Sheppard six wickets, and J. Flatout three wickets for the losers.

BOXERS AND ACTORS v N.S. TRAMWAY.

On Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the North Sydney Oval, a match will be played between the above teams.

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS v POLICE.

Played at Hampden Park, and won by professional Musicians by 22 runs. Scores:—

Professional Musicians.

W. Cullen, c Burgess, b Abbott, 12; A. Torsillo, b Abbott, 3; J. Stephenson, c Latrobe, b Abbott, 4; L. Kellaway, lbw, b Abbott, 6; E. Fellows, run out, 6; J. L. Walmsley, b Abbott, 1; J. Cullen, c Latrobe, b Johnson, 14; A. Saville, b Lipscombe, 26; D. Cullen, lbw, b O'Connor, 29; R. Kavanagh, not out, 24; P. Davis, b Abbott, 22; sundries, 7; total 153.

Bowling: J. Abbott, six for 85.

Police.

W. Sykes, c Fellows, b Saville, 17; J. Baldwin, c Kavanagh, b Walmsley, 6; W. Stinson, b Walmsley 5; J. Abbott, b D. Cullen, 24; C. Burgess, b Walmsley, 4; E. O'Connor, run out 1; A. Lipscombe, c Walmsley, b Cullen, 8; F. Johnson, b D. Cullen, 0; L. James, b D. Cullen, 18; J. Latrobe, b W. Cullen, 25; H. Davis, not out 14; sundries, 9; total, 128.

Bowling.—L. Walmsley, three for 11; D. Cullen, four for 17; W. Cullen, one for 0.

MARRICKVILLE v SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The Teachers played a match against Marrickville District, at the Oval, yesterday, which resulted in a draw. Scores:—

Marrickville.

A. Taylor, run out	76
J. Grant, c and b Shortland	17
E. Muir, retired	77
W. Starrenberg, run out	6
Sgt. Rooby, lbw b Edwards	0
H. W. Petrie, b Hedley	14
A. A. Petrie, retired	16
F. A. Lawes, not out	17
J. J. Steel, b Newell	10
J. Myers, not out	0
Sundries	30
Total	248

Teachers.

A. H. Atkinson, c and b Grant	10
H. Edwards, c and b Ferrier	12
G. Selby, c Taylor	29
W. Newton, b Ferrier	0
F. W. Dunn, retired	39
R. Moore, not out	15
D. Lacey, lbw, b Ferrier	1
G. Pahey, not out	10
Sundries	15
Six wickets for	131

INTER-GRAMMAR SCHOOL MATCH.

SYDNEY BEATS MELBOURNE.

The match between Sydney Grammar School and Melbourne Grammar School was concluded to-day, Sydney winning by seven wickets and 2 runs. Scores:—

Melbourne Grammar.—First Innings, 231.

Second Innings.

Cox, b Yates	7
Ingrim, b Hendry	1
Tolhurst, c Trumper, b M'Lean	46
M'Kay, b Whitfield	17
Patterson, c M'Leah, b Brennan	7
Herring, c Whitfield, b M'Lean	17
Johnstone, c M'Lean, b Yates	35
Millner, st Buckle, b Yates	18
Steele, st Buckle, b Yates	0
Ornstein, b Whitfield	0
Bryce, not out	0
Sundries	15
Total	165

Bowling.—Yates, four for 39; Whitfield, two for 9; M'Lean, two for 10; J. Brennan, one for 25; Hendry, one for 37.

Sydney Grammar.—First Innings, 339.

Second Innings.

M'Lean, c Herring, b Johnstone	17
Trumper, lbw, b Ornstein	2
Cohen, c and b Johnstone	1
Hendry, not out	32
Bardsley, not out	13
Sundries	4
Three wickets for	79

FOOTBALL.

RETURN OF THE ALL-BLACKS.

AUCKLAND (N.Z.), Thursday.

The All-Blacks were given an official welcome by the Chamber of Commerce on their arrival by the R.M.S. Niagara. The Mayor of Auckland, Mr. Parr, congratulated the team on their splendid record, and said that such tours did a great amount of good for the Dominion. Mr. George Mason, manager of the team, in reply, described the methods in America, and said the difference in the merit of the teams was not as great as the overwhelming scores would suggest. The standard of rugby in America was high, and the Americans were apt pupils.

LAWN TENNIS.

VISIT OF AMERICAN ATHLETES.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

At a special meeting of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association the principal business was the consideration of correspondence from Victoria regarding the visit of American athletes. The difference which arose, and which was ventilated in the published correspondence between the New Zealand and Victorian Associations over the visit to Melbourne of the American team of athletes, has been settled satisfactorily. Victoria offers to abide by the original arrangements, and contribute £150 towards the expenses of bringing a team to Australasia, provided the Americans reach Melbourne by January 24, and remain in Australia till February 22. The Victorian and New South Wales Associations to have control of the visitors while in Australia. The New Zealand Association has cabled its acceptance of the above conditions.

The American athletes will sail for Sydney, via Auckland, on January 12, returning to New Zealand in time to appear at Hamilton and Rotorua ere they sail for America.

The New Zealand council will be represented at the Australasian championships with the best team available. The selection will be made at the termination of the two days' sports gathering to be held at Wellington on December 26 and 27.

The meeting is the first of the New Zealand Athletic Association calls to Victoria: Agree to request that New South Wales and Victoria shall have joint control of American team during the Australian tour. Arrangements have been made for the team to arrive in Sydney on January 17, returning via Auckland about February 25. The New Zealand team for the Australasian championships will arrive in Melbourne about January 23.

CYCLING.

N.S.W. CYCLISTS' UNION.

CLUB SATURDAY.

The following is the order of the cycling events to be held at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday afternoon in connection with the N.S.W. Cyclists' Union "club Saturday" carnival, starting at 3.15 o'clock:—City Club's half-mile handicap, Redfern Club's three-quarter mile, Central Sydney Club's half-mile, Leichhardt Club's two-mile, Manly Club's three-quarter mile, Hurstville Club's three-quarter mile, Enfield-Burwood Club's half-mile handicap, Northern Suburbs Club's one-mile, Eastern Suburbs Club's three-quarter mile, Marrickville Club's half-mile, Alexandria Club's one-mile, and Dulwich Hill Club's one-mile handicaps.

SOUTH SYDNEY CLUB.

The following is the result of the South Sydney League Club's one-mile track race, which was held at the Sydney Sports Ground on Wednesday evening:—

W. Byrne (hcp. 220yds)	1
W. Schofield (hcp. 30yds)	2
H. V. Woods (hcp. 30yds)	3

Time, 2m 6s.

A half-day club run to Coogee beach has been arranged for December 28.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected for the season:—President, Mr. Fred. Harrison; secretary, Mr. H. Edwards; treasurer, Mr. H. Houston; assistant secretary, Mr. Jas. Powell; captain Mr. W. Hare; vice-captain, Mr. E. Askew.

MUDGEE CARNIVAL.

The handicaps for the two open events to be held under the auspices of the League of N.S.W. Wheelmen at Mudgee on Boxing Day are:—

Three-quarter Mile Handicap, J. R. Williams, G. Taylor, scr.; F. Fittler, 250yds; A. J. Parsons, 30; W. T. G. M'Gowan, 25; A. Fittler, G. J. Fittler, 50; J. Schneider, 60; L. Raynor, E. Goodman, 70; C. Hanmer, 75.

1½ Mile Handicap.—J. Williams, G. Taylor, scr.; C. Fittler, 250yds; E. J. Perrin, scr.; W. T. G. M'Gowan, 45; A. Rayner, 85; J. Fittler, 85; J. Schneider, 115; L. Rayner, E. Goodman, 150; C. Hanmer, 142.

MARRICKVILLE CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the Marrickville Bicycle Club's half-mile event, to be held at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday afternoon:—First heat: S. H. Goodhead, scr.; G. Quigley, 15yds; W. Barry, 25yds; W. Quigley, 50yds; L. Fountain, 40yds; J. Smith, 75yds; H. Pritchard, W. Green, 80yds; J. Fallon, J. Harris, 70yds; T. Weatherider, 250yds; W. Winton, 90yds. Second heat: C. Lowder, 50yds; R. Parker, W. Davis, 250yds; C. H. Grierone, 250yds; W. Oliver, 40yds; W. Webb, C. Ellis, 50yds; H. Bunyan, J. Birdge, 60yds; S. Quigley, 25yds; V. Cohen, 75yds; C. Lowder, 80yds.

The first five in each heat will qualify for the final. An additional 30yds will be allowed to those competitors whose machines are equipped with road wheels.

SOUTH SYDNEY AMATEUR CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the South Sydney Amateur Club's half-mile event, to be held at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday evening:—C. Lowder, scr.; W. Pocock, 20yds; L. Fountain, 30yds; F. Clifford, 35yds; G. Quigley, 20yds; W. J. Quigley, 50yds; W. Dooley, 45yds; F. Bullivant, 50yds; B. Cohen, 60yds; J. Groves, 70yds; H. Gibbs, 80yds.

The track is in first-class order, and single tube tyres and light rims may be used with safety. Post entries will be accepted.

NORTHERN SUBURBS AMATEUR CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the Northern Suburbs' Amateur Club one-mile event, to be held at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday afternoon:—E. J. Stidwell, R. A. Wauchull, scr; W. Boylan, A. Meller, 40yds; S. J. Ismay, 70; H. Gordon, 110; F. Delandro, 120; A. R. Wright and F. Weitzel, 130; E. Green, 160; J. Maddigan, C. Whitaker, H. Prendiville, and N. Turville, 220; J. W. Empson, 280. J. E. Meller will be handicapped on the ground.

This race is restricted to members' clubs, and members whose machines are equipped with tyres only.

DULWICH HILL CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the Dulwich Hill Bicycle Club's one-mile track race, to be held at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday afternoon:—S. Pink, scr; A. Keedle, 10yds; A. Pink, 20; B. Fisher, 60; R. Richardson, 65; H. Philpson, 100; S. Jarman, 110; P. L. Evans, 120; B. Ayson, W. Ayson, J. Peddle, 130; G. Pedersen, 135; H. Wassell, S. Lyons, 145; H. Hill, 165, J. Rundle, 205.

MOTOR CYCLING.

CANBERRA (SYDNEY) CLUB.

The Canberra (Sydney) Motor Cycle Club will hold a number of track events in connection with the Western Suburbs Amateur Athletic Club's Cottage Hospital sports, at Preston Park, on Saturday afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock. The entries are:—A. Zink, A. Howell, S. Quigg, G. Ferris, A. Sales, B. Levy, C. Ogden, A. Cornwell, H. Rafuse, F. D. Campbell, T. Finemore, M. Rafferin, A. Levi, J. Carter, H. Sampson, T. Bischoff, J. B. Paterson, H. Read, Messrs. Dalwood Bros., W. J. Bunting, and S. M. Hagney.

Post entries will be accepted.

A. Levi (h.p. Royal Enfield) and S. M. Hagney (h.p. Speedwell-Rover) will be the club's representatives in the "continental" interstate trial.

TOURING IN TASMANIA.

Messrs. A. Maddocks and W. Collins, members of the Kookaburra Motor Cycle Club, and competitors in the "Continental" interstate motor cycle reliability trial from Sydney to Melbourne, will tour Tasmania with their machines at the conclusion of the big trial early in January.

SYDNEY CLUB.

The opening ceremony of the Sydney Bicycle and Motor Cycle Club's new clubrooms will be held at the Record-chambers, 77 Castlereagh-street, on Tuesday evening, December 23, at 8 o'clock.

A NEW MACHINE.

The Triumph Motor Cycle Company, one of the most widely-known manufacturers of motor cycles in the world, have marketed a new type of machine, which is a distinct departure from the same orthodox models at present in vogue in Australia. The machine, which was a feature of the Olympia Show, weighs only 125lb, complete with oil and petrol. It is driven by a "two-cycle" engine through the medium of a chain and two-speed gear box. The final drive is by belt. The gear-set gives a range of from three to 35 miles an hour. The change in policy was, no doubt brought about by the success of the two-cycle motors in the classic motor cycle races held last season.

WORLD'S MOTOR CYCLE RECORD.

CREATED AND BROKEN IN A DAY.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

George Ramsay, of Kadina, held the world's motor-cycling 24 hours' record only one day. An hour ago he had concluded his run on Tuesday, Carl W. A. Horner set out from Maitland on a similar run, and after riding 23 hours, Ramsay's record by 16 miles. He continued riding the full time, and added 35½ miles to the other man's figures. The total mileage for the 24 hours' was 871½ as against Ramsay's 838. Ramsay is the first of the Australian rounds of 800 miles. He travelled at 36 miles an hour. A crowd of 2000 people witnessed his arrival at the

MINING.

MARKET STILL DULL.

BUSINESS VERY LIMITED.

SPELTER FIRMER.

Lethargic conditions still continue to dominate the Sydney Stock Exchange, and it is generally accepted amongst operators that this state of affairs will continue until after the holidays.

Business yesterday morning was confined to one or two in each section—and except in one or two instances they do not call for special mention. In the copper division, Mount Elliotts sagged from 8d/9 to 8d/, but Mount Elliotts sagged still steady at 3/6, whilst Hampden-Cloncurry still offers. Wallaroo and Moonta commanded firm offers. Though inactive as regards business, Barrier shares were quoted firmer, especially by scrip-holders, who were pleased to note that a London cable stated that the price of spelter had firmed 2/6. The only sale recorded was in British iron at a very firm figure. B.H. South (ex-div.) was in firm request, consequent upon the satisfactory development of the big lode at the 1460ft level.

The gold division was very much in the background. In tin shares, the Ardlethan group was steady, but quiet. Scrip-holders showed no disposition to mark down prices.

The sagging of values in Mount Elliotts was doubtless due to the knowledge that the Melbourne office yesterday received the following telegram from the mine manager:—"Owing to men leaving for Christmas, shutting down smelter from December 19 to January 5. During holidays keeping available boilers doing the necessary work. Will also overhaul machinery and plant. Consols stopping everything, except development."

Extreme dullness characterised the market during the afternoon. It was on about a par with that of the morning. The only noticeable transaction was a sale on the up-grade in North Broken Hill, and a further sagging of Mount Elliotts.

Later in the day the telegraph wires commenced to hum from Melbourne, and it very soon became known that another raid was being made on Mount Balfour shares in the southern city, where sales were booked from 11/ down to 5/, finishing up at 6/. Locally a sale was reported at 4/10d.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

COPPER.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Bulgery	0 0 5	0 0 6½
Cobar		0 0 6
Great Fitzroy, ex rights		0 3 0
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	1 15 10½	1 16 0
Hampden-Cloncurry, unpaid		1 19 0
Lloyd Copper	0 1 7	—
Mount Elliott	0 3 6	0 3 9
Mount Elliott	4 8 0	4 3 6
Mount Lyell	1 5 9	1 4 6
Mount Morgan	3 3 6	3 4 6
Wallaroo and Moonta	2 1 0	2 2 0
TIN.		
Aquathla, contributing	0 15 6	0 15 10½
Do., paid	0 13 3	0 13 6
Northern Cross, contributing		0 1 2
Tasmanian Creek	0 1 3	0 1 4½
Vulcan		0 2 2
Zeehan Central, contributing	0 2 5	0 3 6
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	1 14 6	1 15 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 14 6	1 14 10½
B.H. Junction	1 9 6	1 10 4½
B.H. Junction North	1 3 6	1 3 9
B.H. South	2 11 1½	2 11 4½
B.H. South, contributing	7 9 6	—
B.H. South, paid	7 6 6	—
Bobadil Gold Mines	0 0 1	0 0 2
Bonanza Creek, contributing	0 18 0	0 18 6
Bonanza, paid	2 2 6	—
Lue Hill Syndicate, contributing	0 6 6	0 6 7
Lue Hill Syndicate, paid	3 5 0	—
Lue Hill Gold	7 10 0	—
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.	0 0 8	0 0 9
Bent David	0 0 4	0 0 5
Bonanza		0 4 0
Bonanza Reef	0 0 7	0 0 10
Bonanza Reefing and Sluicing	0 7 6	—
Bonanza (unfd.)	2 18 6	2 19 0
Bonanza Reefing and Sluicing, contributing		—
Bonanza Reefing and Sluicing, paid		—
Bonanza Reefing and Sluicing, unpaid		—
Charters Towers, etc.		
Victory	0 0 8	—
Victoria.		
Band of Hope, contributing	0 1 2	—
Band of Hope, paid	0 5 0	0 4 0
Band of Hope, unpaid	0 9 10½	0 10 3
Bulloch Proprietary		—

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

The stocks not listed on the Stock Exchange are marked with the letter U. The following sales were reported:—

COPPER.

Mount Balfour, 4 1/2.

Hampden-Cloncurry, 26/ (50 shares), 26/.

Mount Elliotts, 3/6, 3/3.

SILVER.

B.H. North, prompt, 51/9.

Radium Hill (new), 65/.

British Broken Hill (old), 34/9.

GOLD.

Mount David, 9.

Bullinck Proprietary, one month, 10/.

Brilliant Deep, con. (U), 5/6.

TIN.

Aquathla (paid), three months, 13/3; cash 13/5, ord. 13/4d.

Tongkah Compound, 58/6.

Wild Cherry, paid, (U), 3/10, 3/10½.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

A brokers' cable message states that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday, were the following "middle" prices:—

	£ s d		£ s d
Broken Hills	1 14 3	Mt. Morgans	3 4 4½
B.H. North	2 19	Hampdens	1 15 9
B.H. Block 10	1 14 3	Northerns	0 11 3
B.H. Proprietary	1 14 6	Chaffers	0 1 6
B.H. Elliotts	4 4 1½	Links	0 1 6
Great Colliers	0 13 10½	Stars	0 4 4½
Kaltor	0 0 6		

Other metals were not mentioned.

MINING NOTES.

Development work last week at the Black Range West mine consisted in advancing the underlay shaft 6ft to 47ft below the 500ft level, and advancing the south drive 5ft on reef ranging from 3in to 12in wide.

During the fortnight ended December 10, the Occidental Gold Mine at Cobar raised 151 tons of ore of an average value of 15dwt 11gr per ton by mine assay samples. Ore mining operations were as follows:—2 level, 1 stope, timbering and mullocking. Filled 11 tons average 40ft per ton. 4 level No. 1 drive, south stope (Chodat): Started breaking ore. Face about 14ft wide. No. 2 drive stope (Alberta): Started breaking ore on south end face, about 20ft wide. N.E. stope, 1 (Power): Returned men to stope to reach further pay ore, found to be left in worn side. Filled 408 tons, average value 20dwt per ton. N.E. Stope, 2 (Shaw): Shifting bay finished, ore breaking restarted. Filled 11 tons, average value 31dwt 12gr. 5 level—No. 1 S. drive stope (Brooks): Pulled 21 tons, average value 5dwt 19gr gold. No. 2 N. drive, stope 1 (Pickley): Pulled 21½ tons, average value 7dwt. Stope 2 (McCulloch): Filled 27½ tons, average 7dwt 3gr. N.E. stope, 2 (Hogan): Nearly finished, breaking down a little further ore on north end. Commence timbering and filling in a few days. 27 tons pulled, average 8dwt 6gr.

A crushing of 52 tons of ore from the Lady Clare mine yielded 121oz. gold. Nine tons of concentrates were produced, worth 4oz per ton. Shaft sinking will be resumed after the holidays.

MINING IN THE STATE.

BATHURST, Thursday.

Excitement was caused at Hill End when it became known that a three-acred gold lease known as M.F. 2, was to be auctioned. There were five applicants, namely, G. Davidson, W. Knight, W. Lye, and others, J. W. Walpole, and Perrott, A. Walpole. The ground in question is situated at Tambaroora, and known as the Valentine. It is supposed that it will go to one of the latter. Should the lessee lose, it will put him to considerable trouble, as the whole of his plant is on the ground, consisting of a ten-head battery, puller, winding plant, etc. A number of other leases have been cancelled in the Tambaroora district.

The Amalgamated Co. crushed 28 tons last week for a yield of 28oz. The company is expected to crush from the rich reef during the week.

The Reward Co. is still getting payable stone going north, also in the backs, where sinking is in progress. The company will also be crushing during this week. The national dry weather is making things very bad for other alluvial shows.

BRITISH BROKEN HILL MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

At the British mine, for the past week, the north-east drive (No. 10 level) on the east vein was extended to 541ft, the last 10½ft through good ore. At No. 11 level, the main crosscut is now in 224ft, and is still in low-grade rhodonite ore.

MOUNT MORGAN GOLD MINE.

OUTPUT FOR 28 DAYS.

GOLD AND COPPER MATTE ON HAND.

The total value of the output of the Mount Morgan gold mine for 28 days, ended December 14, is valued at £75,293, or slightly under that of the previous month. A secretary's note, however, states:—"In addition 170 tons of copper and 1913oz of gold in 850 tons of matte are on hand," but he does not say whether or not this matte, with its gold contents, is included in the estimated value of the output for the 28 days. The secretary also states:—"A fire which occurred in the central power station temporarily caused a shut-down of the furnaces. It is expected, however, that they will be running fully again within a week."

The details for the past six months are as follows:—

COPPER REDUCTION WORKS.

	Ore. Tons.	Copper. Tons.	P.C.	Gold. Oz.	Avg. per ton.
July	23,705	736	3.2	9,284	7.91dwt.
August	23,478	723	3.12	8,962	7.79dwt.
September	22,667	694	3.06	8,827	7.78dwt.
October	24,716	605	2.44	7,584	6.13dwt.
November	19,123	434	2.31	5,160	5.58dwt.
December	22,306	483	2.16	5,956	5.34dwt.

ESTIMATED VALUE.

July (copper at £60 per ton)	£54,968
August (copper at £60 per ton)	51,096
September (copper at £60 per ton)	78,784
October (copper at £60 per ton)	69,315
November (copper at £60 per ton)	72,377
December (copper at £60 per ton)	72,396

B.H. BLOCK 10 MILLING WORK.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The B.H. Block 10 mill, for the four weeks ended December 10, treated 7873 tons crudes, assaying 12.5 per cent. lead, 9.4oz silver, 14.1 per cent. zinc, producing 1129 tons concentrates, assaying 65.3 per cent. lead, 31.2oz silver, and 7.1 per cent. zinc. Development work at the 615ft level, on the western lode, continues to show good results in the drive, rise, and winze.

BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY.

The following is a comparison of the refinery products of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company for the last four-weekly-period:—

	4 Weeks, to Dec. 17.	4 Weeks, to Dec. 13.
Own ores, silver, oz.	1,000,000	982,000
Do., do., lead, tons	4,822	4,800
Purchased ores, silver, oz.	2,528	2,500
Do., lead, tons	1,200	1,200
Antimonial lead, tons (estimated)	74	74
Zinc concentrates, tons	6,210	6,210
Containing silver, oz.	80,552	80,552
Do., lead, tons	433	433
Do., zinc, tons	2,819	2,819

MOUNT BALFOUR TROUBLES.

AN ABORTIVE MEETING.

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S DEMANDS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Although over 30 shareholders attended an abnormal extraordinary meeting of Mount Balfour Copper Mines to-day, the meeting was not representative enough to become known that the legal requirements were complete, the motion for increasing the capital, which was the object of the gathering, could not be dealt with. The requisite number of shares was represented, but the Act requires that a two-thirds majority of the shareholders, either personally or by proxy, must be represented. As the share register is large, many holders only owning a few shares, this fact rendered the Act is found difficult to comply with. After a good deal of discussion, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting to the 23rd inst., when a further motion will be held on or about January 8.

The meeting then resolved itself into a lengthy informal discussion, it was stated that Mr. R. Laughton, the company's representative at Launceston, had sent a telegram, giving the terms of the extension granted by the Tasmanian Parliament. The terms are read as follows:—"Extension time granted by Government, believing authenticity of statements and telegram, but Minister of Railways states that the approval of Parliament is required before the Minister will be receives indisputable proof of flotation. See section 52. If he is satisfied, then the company must spend at least £3000 monthly from April, money paid in advance, and £900 per month until the end of March."

In reply to a question as to whether they had abandoned the Sydney people altogether, the chairman, Mr. E. Tay, said they were working in connection to them now. There was no option, and they did not now depend upon them in any way.

During the discussion it became quite apparent at the meeting that January 1, the question arose as to whether the Tasmanian Government would wait until that time, or whether they were as their agents. It was thought that, if the extension was not before the Minister, the Government would consider their position, and give them an opportunity of passing the necessary Act, which would be done under suspending power. The present liabilities amounted to £2000.

It was decided to call several of the largest shareholders together within the next few days, to further consider the position. Several shareholders present offered to furnish sums of money, totalling over £350, as an endorsement against any call to be made, pending the calling of a meeting to consider the resolution giving calling power.

KYLOE COPPER MINES.

A report from the company's mine at Drake advises that at the 100ft level, the north drive is in 40ft, the face of ore being 2ft 6in wide, of an average assay of 5 per cent. lead, 3oz silver, and 5dwt gold. Stone from which 20 tons of shipping ore, assaying 15 per cent. copper, have been picked and despatched. The sinking of the shaft has been resumed, and will be carried on continuously to the 200ft level, after which all other work will be stopped. Water is making somewhat freely, but is not expected to hinder sinking. Any necessary extra power, compressed air and rock drills are working well, and will considerably expedite operations. The lode in the bottom of the shaft is 5ft wide, assaying 11.4 per cent. of copper.

TONGKAH COMPOUND.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The half-yearly meeting of the Tongkah Compound was held to-day.

Mr. J. S. Gallagher presided, and in moving the adoption of the reports, congratulated shareholders upon the exceedingly profitable half-year. The cash balance at the bank was £10,000, and it was stated there was tin in hand valued at £1631, while the position that day was that after providing for the dividend payable next day, also current wages, there was a balance of £6,000. The dividend declared for the term, it required 880 yards to provide a ton of tin at a cost of £22 0s 8. The product realised £118, so that there would be a considerable margin of profit left, even with a great drop in price of tin. When operations commenced, the company had 55 acres of ground, and that now still remained to be worked, additional ground having been acquired. The area remaining would require six years to work, even if no further areas were secured. It was possible that further ground would be acquired to the north of the present workings, and to the south-east, but at present they were not in a position to make any definite statements.

The reports were adopted, and the retiring director, W. Peacock, was re-elected.

BIG DROP IN FORTNIGHTLY OUTPUT.

A telegram received at the Sydney Stock Exchange stated that in the past fortnight, the plant of the Tongkah Compound Tin Dredging Company, in a run of 336½ hours, handled 100,000 cubic yards of material, and recovered 14 tons of tin oxide. It was also announced that the dredge was stopped four days in sweeping the screen.

This is a particularly comfortable buffle with that of the previous fortnight. It is true the length of the run for the last fortnight was 76 hours less than that of the previous one, and that the material treated was smaller by 20,000 cubic yards, but the fact remains that although the number of cubic yards of material in the last period was 8200 cubic yards less than that handled in the preceding fortnight, but the tin oxide recovered was 14 tons more, which in the fortnight's run put from 40 tons 15 cwt. to 19 tons of tin oxide. The only explanation is that the quality of the ground treated was greater last month. As a matter of fact the material dredged showed an average recovery of 1.75lb of tin oxide per cubic yard, as against 2.05lb per cubic yard in the preceding fortnight—a decrease of nearly 15lb of tin oxide per cubic yard.

BROKEN HILL MILLING REPORT.

Broken Hill Block 10 Company, four weeks ended December 10.—Crude ore treated, 7874 tons, assaying 12.5 per cent. lead, 9.4oz silver, 14.1 per cent. zinc. Concentrates produced 1129 tons, assaying 65.3 per cent. lead, 31.2oz silver, 65.4 per cent. lead, and 7.1 per cent. zinc.

DONNAMIA DIAMOND TEST.

Writing on the above subject, a correspondent who signs himself "A Subscriber to the Test," states:—"In the Donnamia Diamond Test, it is now 12 months since Mr. Wakeley, of Wakeley, representing the Australasian Diamond Syndicate, of 140 Cheapside, Amsterdam, and of Antwerp, undertook to pay to Mr. Daniel Grove the sum of £1200 and £61 (duly paid), £11 having been paid to-day of the 1st December, 1912, as against cession by the latter gentleman of his option to purchase the Donnamia Diamond mine for £5000 each and £200,000 in fully paid £1 shares, to the Australasian Diamond Syndicate. It is less than a year since Mr. Wakeley declared, at a dinner which he gave in Inverell, that he was in every way more than satisfied with his bargain, and that not only a large proportion of work had been carried out by Mr. Grove since his arrival from South Africa, but that the quantity and quality of diamonds recovered exceeded his most sanguine anticipations. One cannot ask why these amounts remain unsold, seeing that local people, who, on the strength of rubbo received from his principals, paid amongst them £1200 for the test, and witnessed the payment by Mr. Grove of wages and expenses on cable grams, etc., in the syndicate's interests, and I think it is time to ask for a statement from his backers in bringing this syndicate to account. I am aware that Mr. Grove protected subscribers to the Donnamia test, by securing to them in other and more expensive mines to develop; but that is not my point. We are all British out here, and I among others feel that Mr. Grove and ourselves are being treated with scant courtesy and consideration."

GRAFTON COPPER MINE.

BIG CHANGES CONTEMPLATED.

It is more than probable that at the annual meeting of shareholders in the Grafton copper mine, to be held in the last week in January, the directors will have a proposal to expend something like £14,000 on additional machinery, as well as to provide for the development of the ore bodies below the present level at 150ft. It is proposed to sink from the summit of the hill traversed by the lode. The latter has been exploited by six levels or tunnels, piercing the hill from both sides, and named A, B, C, D, E, F, the first one (A) being the lowest named. The time has now arrived when, in order to work the continuation of the lode below the level or tunnel, it will be necessary to sink a shaft from the tunnel, and equip it with a winding plant.

The new proposals provide for the sinking of this shaft, and equipping it with a winding machinery driven by electricity generated by dynamos worked by Pelton wheels operated by water in a river a few miles from the mines. The latter power is also proposed to be used in working a mill to produce a high-grade concentrate from the 150,000 tons of second-grade ore that has been proved to exist alongside the high-grade ore. The latter ore has been smelted. The lower, or what is called the second-grade ore, has been left untouched, because it would not pay to smelt, but expert advice obtained by the directors is to the effect that when concentrated to a high-grade, and carried cheaply to the smelters by a tramway, the second-grade ore would become a valuable asset. Until the advent of the rock-drilling plant, with which the mine was equipped, the directors could not carry out any large development or prospecting work; but now that progress is more rapid, the board has under consideration the sinking of a main shaft 300ft from A level, thus making 1000ft from the top of the hill traversed by the lode.

Previous to the installation of the rock-drilling plant, the directors were unable to give any consideration to the treatment of the second-grade ore, but they will now submit a proposal to erect a concentration plant, which they estimate will yield a high-grade concentrate from the second-grade ore. It is estimated that for every ton of high-grade ore there are three tons of second-grade, hence the erection of a concentrating mill will add years to the life of the mine, even as far as it is developed to-day. Indeed, the advice received by the directors is that the second-grade ore will become a better asset than the high-grade. The method of concentration to be adopted will be the subject of careful experiments.

For eight years the mine has been a regular producer of 60 per cent. copper matte, of which some £24,000 worth has been sold to British and German copper refiners. In addition, the mine has paid £15,000 in dividends, has developed an ore body that is larger, more regular in its formation, and carries better values in the sulphide zone at 500ft than at any shallower depth; and even with the limited developments so far achieved, the mine shows several years of profitable work in sight. To achieve all this has meant an expenditure of something like £500,000 (including wages), and it was done solely out of profits. The shareholders were never asked to pay one call. This is not a bad record.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—

Morning.—Mt. Lyell, 24/; Broken Hills, 34/74.

Noon.—Nil.

The closing sales and quotations were:—

Copper: Hampden, 26/, b 25/9, s 26/; Fitzroy (paid, ex rights), 3/, b 2/6, s 2/11; Mount Lyell, 24/, b 23/9, s 24/3; Wallaroo, b 41/3, s 41/9.

Iron: Vegetable, b 1/3, s 1/5.

Silver: Brokens, 34/7½, b 31/6, s 34/9; Block 14 (pref.), 8/10½, b 8/10, s 9/; ditto (ord.), b 6/9, s 6/10; Block 10, 30/3, b 29/9, s 30/3; British (old), 34/6, s 34/9; Britons (new), 29/9; Junction (pref., old), s 5/2; ditto (ord.), 2/6, 2/3, 2/3½; b 2/3, s 2/4½; Junction North, b 13/4½, s 13/6; North, 31/, b 31, s 31½; South, paid, b 27/7½, s 27/11; ditto, contg. b 27/7½, s 28/; Sulphide Corp., b 24/, s 24/.

Gold: Lake View and Star, b 4/3, s 4/4½; Associated, b 7/7, s 7/8; ditto, Northern, 11/6, s 11/9; Brilliant Proprietary, 10/3 (2 m., b.o.), 10/1½; b 10/, s 10/2; Commodore, 2/7½, b 2/7, s 2/8; Boulder, b 18/10½, s 14/1½; Boulder No. 1, b /8, s /9; Ivanhoe, b 57/, s 58/; Maranoa, b 5/10, s 6/; Marvel Loch, b /8, s /10.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—

Forenoon.—B.H. Block 10, 30/6; Hercules, 15/3; Mount Balfour, 11/; Tasmanian Copper, 8/10, 9/11; Lode (6th), 3/8; Ajax Central (ex div.), 31/6, 31/9; Ajax North, 10/2, 10/4; Cathcart, 3/6; Cathcart Consols, 2/10, 2/11; Golden Pole, 2/, 2/1; Great Langi Logan, 5/1, 5/3; ditto, south, 5/2, 5/3; Langi Logan North, 5/3, 5/5; ditto, South, 15/; New Langi Logan, 22/3, 22/6; ditto, North, 22/, 22/3; Lyndhurst Alluvial, South Wattle Gully, 3/; Victoria Consols, 7/4; South German, 12/6; Williams Fancy, 22/3; Edna May, 58/3, 59/; Philippine Dredging, 34/.

Afternoon.—Silver: B.H. Block 10, 30/6; Hercules, 15/3, 15/4, 15/3; ditto, forward, 15/3, 15/4; North Broken Hill, 31/6; Amalgamated Zinc, 37/6.

Gold: Mount Balfour, 11/, 5/, 6/; Mt. Morgan, 4/8; Mt. Lyell, 24/11; Tasmanian Copper, 8/10, 9/; Tom Bowker's Hill, 8/4; Brissels, 8/6; Lode Hills, 8/8; Gold, Ajax Central (ex div.), 31/6, 31/9; Ajax North, 10/3, 10/4; Al, 10/, 15/3; Cathcart, 3/6; ditto, Consol, 40/, 40/9; Central R. 98, and R. 24/; Duke (5s. shilling), 8/3; Golden Pole, 2/9, 3/; Great Langi Logan, 5/1, 5/3; ditto, south, 5/2, 5/3; Langi Logan North, 5/3, 5/5; ditto, South, 15/; New Langi Logan, 22/3, 22/6; ditto, North, 22/, 22/3; Lyndhurst Alluvial, South Wattle Gully, 3/; Victoria Consols, 7/4; South German, 12/6; Williams Fancy, 22/3; Edna May, 58/3, 59/; Philippine Dredging, 34/.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

Yesterday's sales were:—Bird's Reef, 7/3; Catherine Reef, 1/6; Central Red White and Blue, 5/6; Clarence United, 1/; Great Northern, 19/6; Johnson's (pref.), 19/6; Nell Gwynne, 2/3, 2/3½; New Prince of Wales, 5/2½; Red White and Blue United, 1/9, 1/9½; Sea, 6/3, 6/5; South Garden United, 1/10, 1/11; Sovereign Hill, 2/7½; Star Shamrock, 1/11; Unity, 5/1; Victoria Consols, 7/6, 7/9, 7/6.

HOBART, Thursday.

Stock Exchange quotations: Hercules, 15/, Mar. net, b 5/, s 6/; Lyell Blocks, b 2/3, s 2/6; Primrose, b 2/9; Arba, b 11/3; Brissis, b 6/3, s 6/9; Pioneer, s 2/; Tongkah Harbour, b 56/3, s 57/3.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales:—Brilliant Deeps (cons.), 2/3; Vulcan Tin, 2/1, 2/2.

NEWCASTLE.

QUICKER COAL LOADING.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The Department of Public Works has a proposal for the quick loading of coal into vessels that come to this port. A new wharf is being constructed at Carrington. The first section of 500 feet is being pushed on, while the work of the remaining two sections is progressing favourably. The department now proposes to erect large storage bunkers, which will hold either 6000 or 12,000 tons of coal. By an ingenious arrangement the coal can be loaded from the bunkers into vessels at the rate of 1000 tons per hour, if the proposal is successful, it will no doubt lead to the establishment of similar bunkers, and be of immense service in preventing the delays, congestion, and chaos from being repeated in the future. Each bunker is to be 500ft. long, and constructed in two sections, each of which will contain three compartments for holding various kinds of coal. Automatic weighing machines are to be provided for weighing the trucks before and after they have discharged coal into the hoppers, from which the mineral will be carried by means of two powerful elevators, each capable of lifting 500 tons per hour into the bunker. The coal is to be removed by gravity from the bunker, and carried by a 40in. travelling belt conveyor, and shot into the vessel. An automatic conveyor weighing machine is attached. A mechanical trimmer will be used to discharge coal into different parts.

PELAW MAIN CAVILLING.

The cavilling at Pelaw Main colliery for the coming quarter should have taken place to-day, but there has been a dispute over two clauses contained in the recent award of the Miners' Wages Boards. The Pelaw Main miners' lodge wants the cavil to be drawn as set out in one of the clauses, while the proprietors are anxious to have the alternative system, as mentioned in the award, given a fair trial.

The matter came in for a good deal of discussion by the board on Tuesday, and, at the commencement of to-day's proceedings, Mr. Kelynack (counsel for the proprietors) said that the mine was unfortunately idle yesterday, because of ships not being able to get into the berths.

Mr. Lewis (miners' advocate) mentioned that the men did not know that the pit would have been idle yesterday afternoon or they would have held their meetings.

Mr. Clark (proprietors' representative on the board): You knew that this matter would be coming on, and you never even got into touch with the local lodge. You have shown no anxiety whatever in the matter.

Mr. Lewis: Yes, we have. We have said that the decision of the board shall be carried from point to Pelaw Main. We have yet to know whether it has been disregarded.

Mr. Clark: I say candidly that the men intend to disregard the fact that any man may refuse to act separately, and if any do act separately the men will not draw the cavils. You know very well that it is on the lodge's books not to draw the cavils.

Mr. Lewis: Why don't you subpoena the men.

Chairman (Judge Edmunds): I think the men ought to be informed that there is no objection on the part of the lodge to the voluntary arrangement under the alternative part of the award, and that the men who desire to perform that way will be at liberty to do so.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Watson has gone out this morning to do so.

The board then proceeded with the Lambton B case, and during the afternoon adjourned till January 5 next.

CAVILS DRAWN.

A meeting of the Pelaw Main miners was held to-day, and subsequently the cavils for the coming quarter were drawn. None of the miners, however, came forward in response to the Wages Board and management's request to give the alternative scheme, as provided in the award, a trial.

ALTERING LEADING LIGHTS.

The recent deepening of the entrance to the port of Newcastle has made it necessary for the main fairway towers to be placed in more suitable positions. Mr. Halligan, hydrographic surveyor, was in Newcastle to-day in connection with the matter. The alteration was decided upon a few weeks ago, when several representatives of the Public Works and Navigation Departments were on a visit of inspection to the port. It has also been decided to deepen the entrance by a few feet.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

JURY DISAGREE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The trial of Walter Kinsley Dawson, 24, clerk, on charges of embezzling sums of £1 15s, £5 8s 6d, and £2 9s 6d, from John George Aikman, trading as Richards and Co., of Bourke-street, drapers, on July 1, July 7, and July 9, concluded at the Criminal Court yesterday. The jury disagreed, and accused was remanded to the next sittings of the Court.

MOTOR AND CAB COLLIDE.

At the corner of Eddy-avenue and Pitt-street yesterday afternoon a motor cycle, turning the corner, crashed into a cab, knocking the horse over. Both shafts were broken, and soon the cycle was knocked to pieces by the struggling horse. On freeing itself from the harness, the animal galloped along Eddy-avenue, and was brought to a standstill near Mark Foy's. The cyclist and the cabdriver escaped injury.

SUICIDES IN AMERICA.

Statistics regarding the causes of death for the registration area of the United States, prepared under the direction of Dr. Wilbur, chief statistician for vital statistics, give the total number of deaths from suicide in 1911 as 9622, an increase of 1032 over the preceding year. Reviewing these figures, the "American Practitioner" says that suicide increases with education and civilisation, and adds:—"It has been said that the spread of the alphabet is coincident with that of self-murder. The savage rarely takes his own life. In Italy, Russia, and Spain, where the standard of education is low, the fewest suicides on the Continent of Europe occur, while in France and Germany, where the people are more sensitive and refined, and where the standard of education is higher, the percentage is much increased."

NEW POLITICIANS.

PERSONAL SKETCHES.

ADDITIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Appended are brief sketches of some of the new members of the Legislative Assembly, whose Parliamentary careers have been opened as the result of the present elections:—

CAPTAIN TOOMBS (HURSTVILLE).

Captain Toombs, who has succeeded in adding one of the metropolitan seats to the strength of the Labour party, by defeating Mr. Varney Parkes for Hurstville, is a man of striking personality. He gets his title from the commercial marine, and is proud of it, because he has risen from the bottom rung of the seafaring ladder. An Englishman by birth, he went to sea early in the trans-Atlantic trade, serving before the mast. He came to Australia about 15 years ago, and it was while employed on the services of the Australian coast that he won his way to the position of a master mariner. Three years ago he decided to give up the profession of his life, so far as deep-sea trading was concerned, and settled down definitely in Sydney, where his home had been since coming to Australia. During this time he has taken a prominent part in the political Labour movement, into which he had an excellent introduction, because of the part he played in the formation and early history of the Merchant Service Guild. He has represented this body at several annual conferences of the P.L.L. Early this year he took a prominent part in the famous heresy hunt instituted by the conference. His platform ability and transparent honesty of purpose won him many friends. He will be a decided acquisition to the debating strength of the Ministerial party, though Ministers may themselves, at times, find him somewhat difficult to handle.

W. R. BAGNALL (ST. GEORGE).

Mr. W. R. Bagnall, who has earned distinction by bringing to a temporary close the political career of the deputy leader of the Liberal party (Mr. Wood), is one of the moderate section of the Labour party. A ready speaker, he will be of much assistance to Ministers in times of political stress. His success at the polls was, however, unexpected, as he was not looked upon as a likely winner. Although a native of this State, he spent a numeer of years in New Zealand. Returning to New South Wales about 12 years ago, he has been employed by a number of firms as a process engraver, his last position being that of chief of the department in the office of the Sydney "Evening News." He has held the position of president of the Process Engravers' Union, which body he represented both on the Labour Council and the annual P.L.L. conferences of the last few years. He is said to have been mainly responsible for the affiliation of the union with the P.L.L., and in many other respects he has been prominent in the fighting line of his party. Three years ago, soon after taking up his residence in the St. George electorate, he was selected as the Labour candidate, but was comfortably beaten by Mr. Taylor, who on this occasion resigned his seat in favour of Mr. Wood.

E. R. LARKIN (WILLOUGHBY).

The new member for Willoughby enjoys the distinction of being the first Labour member, either Federal or State, to secure election at the hands of the constituents of any electorate on the north side of the harbour, and there can be no doubt that his return is partly due to personal popularity. For some years a member of the metropolitan police force, Mr. Larkin was always closely identified with field sports, more particularly Rugby football, and when the position of secretary to the New South Wales Rugby Football League became vacant some three years ago, he secured the appointment. While in this position he has shown considerable administrative ability and the affairs of this, the largest professional sporting body in the State, have progressed greatly under his control. He is practically a newcomer in the world of politics. He has, however, demonstrated during his campaign that he possesses the gift of public speaking, and has moreover, developed a clear, incisive method of public speaking that will demand attention when he takes the floor of the House.

ERNEST DURACK (BATHURST).

Mr. Ernest Durack, who has won Bathurst from the Liberal candidate, Mr. J. Miller, is one of the contingent of young men who will be welcomed by the new Parliament. Born at Tarana, in the Bathurst district, 33 years ago, he was educated at All Saints' College, Bathurst. From the days of his early manhood, even before he had a vote, he has taken a keen interest in politics, and throughout the whole time he has been a consistent supporter of the Labour party. He has thus grown up with the Labour movement, and will be welcomed by his party as one about whose political convictions there is absolutely no doubt. The recent campaign has demonstrated that he is a very capable public speaker, and his maiden speech will be looked forward to with interest. In all probability the task of moving the Address-in-Reply will fall to his lot, as the youngest of the new recruits. He has lived in Bathurst practically all his life, and has experienced the ups and downs of a pastoral district. On land matters he speaks with an intimacy and a conviction that demand attention, and it is expected that, although a member of the caucus, he will readily join hands with the large section of the new House that might be called farmers' representatives, in the prosecution of a vigorous decentralisation policy, and the development of the country resources.

ARTHUR GRIMM (Ashburnham).

Another of the noteworthy additions to the strength of the Liberal party in the new Parliament is Mr. Arthur Grimm, who has succeeded in wresting Ashburnham from Labour in the person of Mr. Lynch. Ten years ago he fought Mr. Holman, and ran the present Premier to within 68 votes. Now he has succeeded by a somewhat larger majority to that by which his first essay to enter Parliament was spoilt. The son of an Anglican clergyman, and a native of the State, Mr. Grimm was educated at Fortstreet School. When he left school he went on pioneer homestead on the Bland, where he learned farming. For years he represented the firm of Messrs. Winchcombe, Carson and Company in the district he has now successfully wooed for parliamentary honours. He will be highly esteemed by the people of the House, being of an amiable disposition. His intimate knowledge of land matters will make him an important force in the country wing of the Liberal party, which promises to be a very influential section.

WALTER JAMES BOSTON (Wagga).

The new seat of Wagga, which was made up of portions of Wynyard, Murrumbidgee, and Lockhart, has been won by Labour, represented by Mr. W. J. Boston. Mr. Boston is a native of Adelong, one of the principal towns of the constituency he has now been called upon to represent in Parliament. A member of the old-established Boston family of Boston Brook, he has for years enjoyed a large measure of local popularity, which has been practically expressed on many occasions by his election to public positions. He has been a member of the Gadara Shire Council since the introduction of local government. Among other public offices he holds are those of president of the Adelong Progress Association, and vice-president of the Adelong Pastoral and Agricultural Society. In local Labour circles he has always been looked upon as a strong Labour Parliamentary Party. He is the president of the Adelong P.L.L., and of the Riverina Federal Labour Council. This is his second attempt to enter Parliament. On the first occasion he was defeated by Mr. Wynyard against Mr. R. T. Donaldson, and was only beaten by 110 votes. He will certainly add to the strength of his party in the House, being a man of thoughtful judgment, and calm deliberation.

GEORGE ALLEN RICHARDS (DRUMMOYNE).

A well-known city man in Mr. G. A. Richards has been called to represent the new seat of Drummoyne, created under the last redistribution scheme. Although this was Mr. Richards's first time of contesting a seat, he has been prominently associated with the political organisation of the Liberal party for many years. He lives at Drummoyne, and is known as Mr. Hedley's lieutenant, because of the active support he always gave the cause of the active support he always gave cause of the active support of Burwood, Mr. T. Hedley, as representative of Burwood, which included Drummoyne. Mr. Richards is a native of Sydney, and was born on the Circular Quay, on the site where Goldsbrough, Mort's wool warehouse now stands, 47 years ago. He was educated at Fort-street School, and on leaving school entered an accountant's office. For 30 years he has been a prominent city accountant and company manager. He was one of the early residents of Drummoyne, going there 34 years ago, and has been closely identified with the progress of that river side suburb. Since 1880, when Drummoyne was first incorporated, he has sat in the local municipal council, and has occupied the Mayoral chair for two terms. He was one of the founders of the local branch of the Manchester Unity Oddfellows, of the Druents and Citizens' Association, of the School of Arts, and has been prominently associated with nearly every other local body, sporting and otherwise. He is frequently referred to as the most popular man in Drummoyne, and perhaps the best test of that was given when he defeated the deputy leader of the Liberal party, Mr. W. H. Wood, for selection by nearly 200 votes. Always keenly interested in politics, he has been prominent in every election since the early days when his district was included in Canterbury, which returned four members to the State Parliament. He will be a politician of the solid order, and will exercise his due share of influence in the House.

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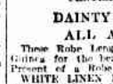
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